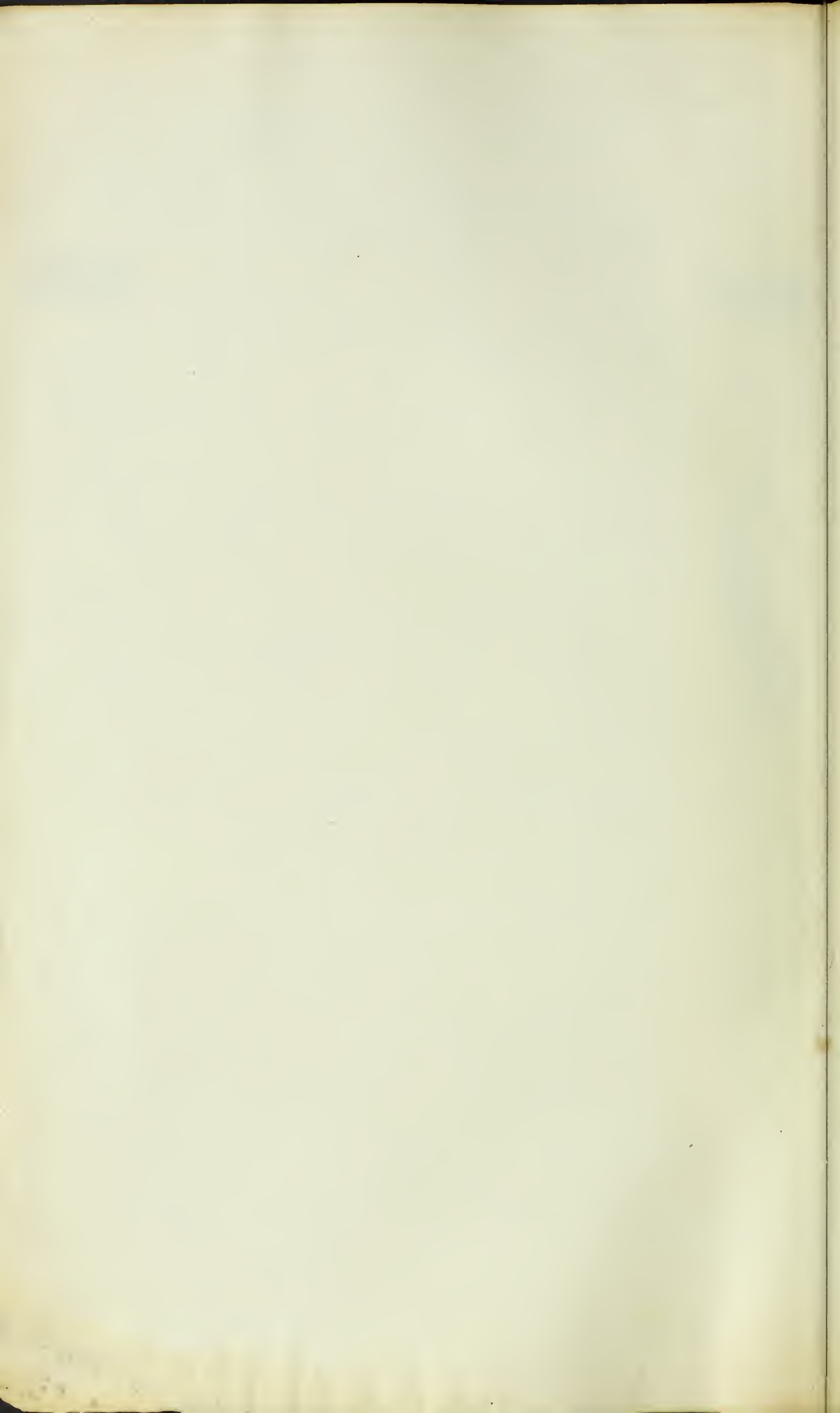






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Constitution^{and} By-laws of the 26th Mass. Regt Association

Preamble

The past members of the Twenty Sixth Massachusetts Regiment desirous of preserving the history of the Regiment and of affording an opportunity for an annual social reunion, at which time old scenes may be recalled and dear and once familiar faces remembered, do hereby form themselves into an association and agree to be governed by the following Articles and By-laws.

Constitution.

Article I

This Association shall be known as the Twenty Sixth Massachusetts Regiment Association.

Article II

Any member of the Twenty Sixth Massachusetts Regiment or any person who served in the Battalion formed from the 26th Regiment, by forwarding his application to the Secretary and the payment of One Dollar admission fee may become a member of the Association.

Article III

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Secretary and one member from each Company represented in the Association, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, and candidates receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected.

Article IV The Annual Meeting shall be held on the 18th day of October, at which time the Officers of the Association shall be elected and the place of holding the next Annual Meeting determined.

The term of Officers shall commence on the day following the election.

By Laws.

Section I It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association.

Section II It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents in the order of their election to preside in the absence of the President and to perform all the duties of his office.

Section III It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association; collect all moneys due the Association and pay the same over to the Treasurer taking his receipt for the same. He shall keep a roll of members and their address with the date of their Admission. He shall also notify all members by advertisement or circular, of the Annual or any Special Meeting. He shall make an annual report in writing of the affairs of his department, and at the expiration of his term of office shall within ten days thereafter turn over all moneys, books, papers or other property in his possession pertaining to his office, to his successor.

Section IV It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all funds of the Association subject to the order of the Finance Committee or a vote of the Association.

He shall pay all bills against the Association after being approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

He shall also make an annual report in writing of the affairs of his department and at the expiration of his term of office shall within ten days thereafter turn over all moneys, books, papers or other property in his possession pertaining to his office, to his successor.

Section V It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Annual Reunion, also to act as the Finance Committee of the Association. They shall have control of the monetary interests of the Association, approve all bills paid by the Treasurer, and certify his accounts once in every year.

Section VI The President shall upon written application of not less than fifteen members call a special meeting of the Association at any time — and he may do so at any time without such application if he shall think it advisable.

Section VII The Articles and By Laws may be amended at any regular Annual Meeting of the Association by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon.

Date	Name	Co.	Last Office address
Oct 18 74	Col. W. B. Farn.		Lowell Mass
2	J. Sawhill.	Lt. Col.	Lowell Mass.
3	Andrew Blood	Capt H	" "
4	Chas. H. Richardson	A	" "
5	Geo. H. Reed	E	Daytonville Mass.
6	James R. Feltton	H	Lowell Mass
7	Deletto H. Hagg	E	West Acton Mass
8	Robert Fletcher	E	West. Chelmsford Mass
9	Chas. F. Emerson	A	No 14 Market St Lowell
10	Freeman Hutchinson	H	No 18 Polk St Charlestown
11	Charles W. Parkhurst	E	Medford
12	E. L. Davis	B	396 Middlesex St Lowell
13	J. R. Burroughs	b E.	Corn's Moody & Cress St Matthom ^{Mass}
14	J. H. Tupper	F	Lowell Mass
15	Geo. H. Muzzey	F	So Berwick Me.
16	Henry H. White	F	Lawrence
17	Frank M. Balem	H	East Cambridge
18	E. J. Peterson	C	No 2 Pratt Sq Boston
19	Gilbert Cook	B	Lowell Mass
20	James H. Upham	A	83 North St. Boston Mass
21	Chas. P. Sartell	B	Lancaster Mass.
22	Bengt D. Willard	H	Cambridgeport Mass
23	Cyrus P. Dickart	E	Littleton Mass
24	Starkweather	H	Cyprus House Boston
25	Edwin Fleushing	H	Isle of Nantucket Boston Harbor
26	James F. Taylor	A	A. B. W. H. Lowell Mass
27	J. B. Wilson	A	Lowell Mass
28	J. E. Campy	B	Lowell Mass
29	George Ellis	B.	" "
30	Geo. O. Dean	A	Rosion Mass. B. & A. L. K. Dep.
31	Edward A. Gagny	A	Medford Mass
32	Lavin Harber	B	Victorburg Mass
33	Calum W. Greenwald	D	Washburn H. K.
34	J. B. Marsh	F	Boston Mass 1241 Mass
35	J. P. Blodgett	C	Hzde Park Mass
"	J. B. Smith	Adj.	Boston Mass Halford Lane Co.
36	James A. Troy	F	Saline Depot V. H.

Date	Name	Co.	Post Office Address
Oct 18 th 1871	E. B. Gram	C.	
30	S. A. Leitchfield	D.	Lynnburg Mass.
30	D. M. Shan	D.	Lowell Mass
31	P. Busscy	B.	Hyde Park Mass
31	Geo. M. McKennan	A.	North, Leakesbury
31	Jas. M. Slater	A.	Swell
31	H. J. G. Ball	D.	Winchendon Mass
31	C. J. G. Jones	E.	Winchendon Mass
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70	Charles H. Gascomb	C. & E.	Cockade Wayland Mass
71	Frank L. Wood,	"	East Templeton "
72	Russell P. Houghton	B	Fitchburg
73	George Flood	C. & E.	Maynard
74	Frank Young	K	Plainville Prof
75	Oct 18/80 Fred E. Sprague	"	Boston
76	Robert W. Edwards	E	Bedford "
77	Samuel T. Hoyt	B	Townsend
78	Stephen L. Gilman	F	Tummen Mass
79	William Hunt	B	South Watick
80	Arthur Chickering	E	Baldwin Mass
81	Abel H. Woodruff	26 F	Winchendon "
82	Geo. C. Hall	B	Cambridge "
83	Wm. Drake Jr	G	Fall River Mass
84	Samuel L. Thum	G	Fall River Mass
85	John H. Hennessey Jr	C.	Ware Mass
Oct. 18/81	Edwin B. Lath	E	Milford Mass
87	Emerald D. Lathrop	E	" "
88	Patrick F. Hogan	G.	Lawrence Mass
89	C. H. Giles	F	Lawrence Mass
90	Andrew Garvey	G.	Fall River
91	W. C. Cross	B	Lawrence Mass
92	Joseph H. Hannon	G.	Fall River Mass
93	Sam E. Austin	A	Lowell, Mass.
94	Robert Peters	E	26 Mass
95	James Kidd	Signed by J. J. J.	Fall River Mass
96	John F. Hecogoda	H	Wakifeld Mass
97	Walter F. Hutton	H	Winchendon H H
98	John H. Balcom	B	Ashland Mass
Oct. 18/82	William L. Rockitt	L	Worcester Mass
99	Ed. Estabrooke	K	29 Bowditch Park Boston
100	Alfred Cooke	C	Northbrook
101	James Moulton	L	West Salem Mass
102	Spaulding	K	Worcester
103	R. Whitehead	G	Fall River Mass
104	Wm. S. Hoar	"	"

Oct 18/82	L. C. Pichan	K	Boston
	J. C. Collins	B	Boston
	H. M. Cook	B	Boston
	Frederic Easton	K	St. Framingham
	J. H. Amable	F	Mass
	John H. H. H.		Portsmouth N. H.
	J. H. H. H.	E	Southboro Mass
	W. M. Mellen	S	Orange "
	William P. Taylor	B	Ayer "
	Charles Williams	B	Providence R. I.
	Stephen W. Walker	B	New Ipswich N. H.
	John B. Leary	B	Providence R. I.
Oct 17/85	Ernest E. Wheeler	B	Cambridge
	John Robinson	K	374 Atlantic Ave Boston
	James L. Howard	C	Brockton Mass
	E. A. Ray	B	Somerset Mass
	James Crowther	B	Fall River
	B. Brown	B	West Acton
Oct 18/86	H. C. Pease	E	Worcester Mass
	Charles M. Brown	J	Lancaster N. H.
	Geo A. Adams		Providence R. I.
	Geo W. Frost	H	Lynn Mass
	Wm. A. Johnson	A	Clinton "
	John A. Riley	C	C. Providence R. I.
	Robert E. Jencks	C	Hopkinton Mass
	Edwin A. Keaton	C	Woodville Mass
Oct 18/87	Charles W. D. me	K	Brockton N. H.
	Menzo Butler	K	Boston Mass
	M. H. Oliver	K	Boston Mass
	Henry S. White	B	Middleton Mass
	Alfred Wheeler	E	Concord Mass
	Alexander C. Trick	K	Leicester Mass
	J. A. Parker	E	Westboro Mass
	A. B. Wheeler	E	Acton "
	J. A. Parker	C	Milton Mass
	Hubert W. Cruden	C	Milton Mass

43	G W Graves	D	Westboro Mass
44	W B Pollock	D	Whitehall Mass
45	A E Story	C	Trinity Bridge Boston
46	U Fletcher	F	West Somerville
47	E I Gaddam	F	Summers Falls
48	Detours Ward	C	Worcester Mass
49	Or Dickman	A	East Cambridge
50	Oct 18/88 Thomas D. Parrish	F	Nashua N H
51	G M [unclear]	F	[unclear]
52	George England	D	New Bedford Mass
53	Charles D. Wells	D	Manchester N H
54	John McAllister	C	No 1 Springfield St Lawrence
55	Amos L. Park	F	606 6 St Boston
56	Andrew B. Dwinell	F	Ware Mass
57	Jacob Ross	F	32 River St Boston Mass
58	Edward Bullman	D	Methuen Mass
59	W Gordon	D	Lynn Mass
60	Charles Johnson	A	Middlesex Lowell Mass
61	Chas F Ham	C	19 Baker St, Dover N H
62	Everett Wheeler	E	Lowell Mass
63	Henry E. Pichorn	B	East Walpole Mass
64	John Turner	F	Lowell Mass
65	Henry Wood	B	Ancona Camden Co. N.J.
66	Sept 19 William Ingrate	K	Wintthrop Mass
67	Edward Haines	F	Pawtucket
68	L. F. [unclear]	D	Lowell Mass
69	William M. [unclear]	D	Laurel
70	Amos & Sons	F	Methuen Mass
71	James Churner	E	Concord Junction Mass
72	Israel F. Barnes	D	387 Washington Ave Chelsea
73	Timothy Sheehan	E	Concord Junction Mass
74	Henry F. Flood	D	Pawtucketville Mass
75			Swanscott Mass
76			Worcester " 7 Dewey St
77	Oct 18/90 M. Woods	D	[unclear]
78	" Phelps Burke	F	Lawrence

Oct. 19 th 1891	Amphary Sullivan	Geo. '8	Stone Place Chast
Oct. 19/1891	Bryam Ford	B.	Spencer Mass
"	W. B. Barth	B.	Hidokury maps
"	N. Royer	E.	Boston
Oct. 18/92	Robert L. Brown	B.	Esnebury
Oct 18/93	A S Ayer	I	New York
186 ^u 18, '98	G. P. Boston	F.	With Lebanon Main
187 ^u 1904	A. A. Ryder	G.	N. O. La.
"	Albion Leavitt	J.	San Francisco Cal.
"	Albert L. Weeks	I	Lowell Mass
Sept 19 th 1908	Randall McEwing (1911)	B.	London

On the 7th of September 1874 About 25 Officers and soldiers of the late 26th Regt. Mass Vols. met at the American House Lowell in accordance with a notice from our late Col. A. B. Farr

to take into consideration the subject of having a reunion of the Regt.

The Meeting was called to order at 8 O'clock by Col. Farr. who stated the object of the Meeting and that he had been induced to call it by the earnest solicitation of many Members of the Regt. After which the Meeting proceeded to organize when Col. Farr was chosen Chairman and C. H. Richardson Secretary

After some informal discussion it was voted that it is the sense of this Meeting that we have a reunion of the Regt. at some time and place to be hereafter designated

After some further discussion it was voted that we have a reunion on Monday October 19th 1874 it being the Anniversary of the Battle of Cedar Creek

It was then voted that a Committee of three be appointed to send out Circulars to such Members of the Regt. as could be reached in that way and also to make arrangements for place and time of Meeting Col. A. B. Farr. Lieut Col. Santell and Lieut C. H. Richardson were appointed as the Committee

It was afterward voted the time of Meeting be fixed at 4 P. M. Oct. 19 1874 and that Supper be served at 8 P. M. - After which the Meeting adjourned from time ^{to time} the Committee named above being empowered to extend invitations to such Gentlemen as they thought proper to attend as guests of the Regt. and to make all necessary arrangements for the Meeting

Circulars were sent to every Member of the Regt. whose address could be ascertained and every means taken to notify every Member of the Regt. and on the 19th of Oct. 1874 about 70 of the Members of the Regt. ^{met} in Jackson Hall Lowell for our first reunion

Records of the first Reunion of the 26 Regt. Me. I. S.
held at Lowell on the 17th of Oct. 1874

The Meeting was called to order at 4 P. M. by Col. Starr
who was at once elected Chairman and the Meeting
was further organized by the choice of Lt. H. Richardson
as Secretary

On assuming the Chair Col. Starr made some remarks
pertinent to the occasion expressing his pleasure at
Meeting so many of his old comrades after the interval
of ten years which had elapsed since the disbandment
of the Regt. and expressed a hope that steps might
be taken to organize a permanent association

After some remarks by one or two of the comrades a
motion was made by the Secretary and it was voted that
a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to retire
and nominate a list of Officers for a permanent organization
said Officers to consist of a President two Vice Presidents
A Secretary Treasurer and an Executive Committee of
one from each company

The Chair appointed the following Committee
Lieut Col. Samtelle Capt. Smith Capt. Edward Canfee
Lieut Geo. A. Reed & Capt. Andrew Blood

The Committee retired and upon coming in reported
the following list of Officers for the ensuing year
who were unanimously elected

President Col. A. B. Starr

Vice " Lieut Col. G. A. Samtelle

" " Captain Edward Canfee

Secretary Lieut C. H. Richardson

Treasurer Capt. Andrew Blood

Executive Committee

Capt. C. M. Dickerman Co. A. Capt. B. O'Houghton Co. B.

C. F. Peterson Co. C. Lieut D. W. Shaw " D

Lieut G. A. Reed " E. Capt. James F. Brown " F

Lieut J. Starkweather G. Lieut Col. Hayes " H

Benj. Willard Co. I. Frank Balcom " K.

On motion it was voted that each Comrade report by name and Co letter to the Secretary when it was found that each Co in the Regt. was represented as follows

Field & Staff - 3

Col. A. W. Farr

Lieut Col. G. A. Sandell

Adj. G. B. Smith

Co A - 14

Chas. H. Richardson

G. B. Wilson

Chas. J. Emerson

Geo. Conibe

W. W. Wilmat

S. G. Austin

J. R. Berry

E. A. Sawyer

G. M. Taylor

G. F. Upham

Ch. Dillard

M. L. Bassett

J. E. Sprague

J. Halpin

Co B - 11

D. O. Houghton

E. L. Davis

H. M. Green

A. B. Brown

W. Hunt

Loring Shonley

G. W. Wheeler

O. H. Booth

Gonas Shattuck

A. Harnden

Samuel Hoyt

Co C - 2

E. S. Peterson

Richard Allen

Co D - 6

D. W. Shaw

Kenneth McWilliam

H. Butters

John Weir

J. F. Barnes

G. H. Smith

Co E - 11

C. Whitney

G. F. Pickard

Geo. A. Reed

D. G. Taylor

G. W. Loker

G. B. Coarn

H. H. Adams

Robt. Fletcher

J. F. Briggs

D. H. Hall

John Wayne

Co B — 11

E. Bruce
 E. H. Borer
 J. L. Keyser
 R. A. L. Wilson
 Richard Dane

James H. May
 Geo. H. Huggins
 Thomas D. Parrot
 Elmore Dane
 C. H. Gilce

H. F. White

Co C — 1

A Starkweather

Co H. — 3

Andrus Blood E. F. Lushington Ed. Hay
 Co J. — 8

A. E. Ball
 W. F. Greenwood
 B. B. Thomas
 W. A. Parsons

Benj. Willard
 J. A. Barker
 D. E. Worthley
 J. T. Rich

Co K. — 1

F. M. Balcom

Total 71

Other Members of the Regt. came in during the evening so that a total of about 100 took part in some portion of the exercises of the reunion.

On Motion it was voted that any person who had been a Member of the 26th Regt. Mass. Vol. or of the 26th Battalion Mass. Vet. Vol. might become a Member of this Association by paying into the Treasury of the same the sum of \$1.00.

On Motion voted that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to prepare a set of By-laws for the government of the Association.

The President appointed the following Committee
 Capt. R. O. Houghton Adm. S. B. Smith Capt. J. A. Tracy
 Serjt. J. B. Wilson Serjt. Geo. H. Huggins

On Motion voted that Lt. Col. F. T. Santell be added to the above Committee

The President then gave notice that Supper would be served at 8 O'clock in Urban Hall and hoped that all present would join us on that occasion.

One Motion it was then voted that a recess be taken till 7 1/2 O'clock P. M.

At 7 1/2 O'clock the comrades formed in Jackson Hall and marched to Urban Hall where the President with the following named invited guests were already assembled.

His Honor the Lieut Governor Thomas Talbot
 Mayor Bennett of Lowell and Ex Mayors Hosford
 & G. G. G. - W. H. Gage President of Common Council
 Honorable J. A. Goodwin and representatives of the
 Lowell Press.

Immediately after the entrance of the comrades
 Major Gen. B. B. Butler entered the Hall attended by
 a Committee and was received with enthusiastic
 cheers.

All present at once fell too and partook of what
 we so often wished for in the Valley i.e. "a good square
 meal" which did not at all lessen the good feeling
 which was prevailing.

After supper the President called to order and presented
 his Honor Mayor Bennett who made a few very interesting
 remarks.

Gen. Butler was then called upon and upon rising was
 received with rousing cheers which told better than
 anything else could tell of the place which he held
 in the hearts of the members of the 26th Regt.

He spoke of the organization of the Regt. of Col. Joseph
 Smith - Shipboard the voyage up the Mississippi to
 the West the landing at Quarantine through the
 Isthmus Canal and other well remembered
 expeditions of the Regt.

"And now" said he "I can explain to you something
 which I could not explain to you at that time

and that is the reason why you were kept so long at the Forts on the Mississippi River, immediately after the capture of the Forts a confidential messenger came to him from the State Department so very secret that the message could not be entrusted to writing and told him that it was feared that Napoleon III of France designed to seize upon these Forts ^{and probably New Orleans} as a base from which to aid the Rebels.

On return for this he was to receive all the territory lying south of Sabine River to be annexed to Mexico under Maximilian -

To prevent the fulfillment of this scheme the General said he was ordered to place his best troops - a Regt. of well officers and men he could trust - in the Forts and keep them there until the danger passed - and said the General I obeyed these orders and that is the reason why you were kept so long at the Forts.

After some further remarks touching more particularly upon events of the day the General closed and soon after left the Hall amid the most intense enthusiasm.

The subsequent Speakers were His Honor the Lieut. Governor Ex Mayor Haysford & Peabody N. W. Foye and John A. Goodwin.

After the speaking was through and the invited guests had left the Hall the President reminded the comrades that there was a little farther business to do and called on the Committee on By Laws for a report -

The Committee recommended that the constitution and By Laws of the "Old Sixth Mass. Regt. Association" be adapted with such slight changes as would adapt them to our association.

On motion the above recommendation was adopted.

The thanks of the association were returned to the Speakers of the evening the Committee of Arrangement & the Representatives of the Press. - and then giving three rousing cheers for Col Farr the meeting adjourned at 10 1/2 the sentiment of all being that our first reunion was a success. (Chas. H. Richardson)

Report of the Proceedings at the 2nd
 Reunion of the 26th Mass Regt. Association
 held at Grand Army Hall Lowell Oct 19th 1875

About 50 Comrades assembled in Grand Army
 Hall on Oct. 18th 1875 to celebrate the 14 Anniversary
 of the Muster in of the Regt. into United States Service
 The meeting was called to order by Col. Farr at 11
 O'clock.

The records of the last reunion were read and accepted
 The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted
 Andrew Blood in Account with 26th Regt. Association Mass Vols.

Dr.		Cr.	
To cash received for Supper 1 st reunion	\$87.50	To cash paid for Supper	\$91.00
" " " " Membership	31.00	Oct 27 th " Lowell Courier Printing	3.25
		" " " Citizen	1.25
		" " " Times	2.25
		" " " For Populiz	.75
		" " Brown & Chase Circulare	3.00
		" " " " " Postal Cards	1.25
		" " Cogshall & Son Record Book	2.50
		" " Carriage for burial	2.50
		" " Postal Cards & Envelope	3.50
		" " Postage on literature &c	3.00
		" " Sept 20 th Lowell Courier Advtg	.50
		" " " Daily Citizen	.50
	\$ 118.50		\$ 115.25
Balance in Hands of Treasurer			43.25
			168.50

Signed Andrew Blood Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report was endorsed as follows
 This certifies that we have examined the foregoing
 account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched

Signed F. B. Farr

Chairman Finance Com.

The By Laws of Association were then read by the Secretary. A Motion was made by Capt Keyser the the Sec for joining the Association be \$2.00 but after discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Admiral with ^{as} as to admit without Fee such as could not afford to pay.

The President announced the next business to be the election of Officers.

A Motion was made and carried that the By Laws be suspended and that the old Board of Officers be elected by acclamation.

A motion was then made and carried that the old Board of Officers be declared elected for the ensuing year.

On Motion of Capt Langby it was voted that our next reunion be held in Lawrence Mass.

On motion it was voted that George Ellis & James O'Donovan become Members of the Association by signing the By Laws.

Voted that a notice of our next reunion be published in the Boston Herald & Dispatch each week for three weeks previous to the reunion.

The President announced that Dinner would be served at Down & Harpurs Saloon No 37 Central St at 2.30 and requested as many as possible to participate.

At 12 O'clock a recess was taken to reassemble at Central Hall at 2 P.M.

At the Appointed Hour about 50 Comrades assembled at the appointed place and escorted His Honor Mayor Jewett and representatives of the Lowell & Boston Press to the Dining Hall where a bountiful repast was in waiting.

Col. Farr presided at the Table in a peculiarly happy manner and after the substantials had been disposed of called upon his honor ^{the} Mayor who responded in a few well chosen remarks.

Messrs Huntington Colby & Hunt responded for the Press after which Comrades Starkweather Keyser and

Campy and others responded to calls and made
 speeches told stories &c. to the edification of all present
 A Telegram was received from Gen A.S. Badger of
 Co "I" dated 2 New Orleans La. expressing regret
 that business prevented his taking part in the
 reunion of his old comrades

Those chosen were called for and given with a will
 for comrade Badger and the Secretary was instructed
 to return the thanks of the association to comrade
 Badger for his kind remembrance and express their
 best wishes for his prosperity

After spending some time social intercourse the meeting
 adjourned to meet in One year from date in Lawrence
 Mass

Chas. H. Richardson

Secretary

3rd Annual Reunion of the 26th Regt. Association
Needham Hall Lawrence Mass. Oct. 18th 1876

The 3rd Annual reunion of the 26th Regt. Association
was held in ~~Needham Hall~~ Lawrence Mass. on
Thursday October 18th 76

The business meeting ^{was} called to order by the President
Col. A. B. Farr at 12 O'clock M. at which time
about 50 comrades had assembled in Needham Hall
the use of which had been kindly offered the asso-
ciation by "Needham Post No 39 U. A. R."

The records of the last meeting were read by the
Secretary and there being no errors observed they were
approved

The following report of the Treasurer was then read and
it being properly endorsed was accepted

Dr		Cr	
To cash received from last year	3.25	Oct 18 th 75 Cash Pd. for 225 Potatoes	2.25
" " " for Dinner	56.25	" " Printing " "	1.00
" " " Membership	19.00	" " Advertising Lowell Journal	4.00
		" " " " Citizen	1.25
		" " " " Courier	1.25
		" " Paid for 150 Dinner Tickets	1.75
		" " " " ^{change of meeting} Printing Posters	.75
		" " " " Supper	60.00
	78.50		72.25
	Balance in Hands of Treasurer		6.25
			78.50

The Treasurers Report was endorsed as follows
This certifies that we have examined the foregoing
Account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched

Signed A. B. Farr

Chas. W. Finney Secy

The President then announced at the next business the choice of Officers for the ensuing year. A Motion made by Capt. Canby that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a list of Officers was adopted but after some discussion was rescinded and a Motion was adopted that a committee of one from each Co. represented be nominated from the floor to bring in a list of Names to be acted upon by the Meeting.

The President declared the following committee

Co A.	Sam F. Upham
" B.	E. Canby
" C.	E. T. Peterson
" D.	D. W. Sharr
" E.	Geo. A. Reed
" F.	Sam A. Troy
" G.	Vacancy
" H.	Wm. Marshall
" I.	W. A. Huntington
" K.	F. M. Balcom

The Committee after consultation presented the following List

For President	Col A. B. Farr
" Vice "	Capt E. Canby & James A. Troy
" Sec.	Lieut E. H. Richardson
" Treas.	Capt. Andrew Blood
Executive Committee	

Co A	Lt J. F. Upham	Co B.	Capt. E. Canby
" C.	E. T. Peterson	" D.	Lt. D. W. Sharr
" E.	Lt. Geo. A. Reed	" F.	Capt J. A. Troy
" G.	" A. Starkweather	" H.	Lt. Wm. Marshall
" I.	Sergeant W. A. Huntington	" K.	F. M. Balcom

The report of the Committee was accepted and on Motion it was voted that the Secretary cast the Ballot for the Association.

A. F. White was appointed to receive and count the votes and the named comrades were declared

Elected to the several Stations as nominated by the Committee

A Motion was then made that our next meeting be held in Lowell but after some discussion the motion was amended by striking out Lowell and inserting Boston and the motion as amended was carried. Voted that the Officers be authorized to procure a place of meeting in accordance with the above vote.

The President then announced that Dinner would be served to Ticket holders at Dore's Restaurant at 2.30 O'clock and invited all to participate.

The President also announced that Gen B. F. Butler would be present and address the comrades after the dinner. And on motion it was voted that the three Officers of the Association be a committee to receive the General at the Depot and escort him to the place designated.

There being no further business the comrades separated to reassemble at Dore's restaurant at 2.30. At which time ^{and place} about 40 of the comrades assembled soon after which the committee arrived escorting Gen Butler who was received by members of the Association and some citizens who happened to be present by three rousing cheers soon after which Dinner was served and partaken of by about 40 comrades together with Gen Butler & members of the Local Press.

After Dinner Gen Butler made an Address of about 15 Minutes duration. Speaking of the good record which the 26 Regt. made for itself during the war and of the confidence which he always reposed in it while he was in Command at New Orleans and elsewhere.

After the Gen was seated Comrade Richardson offered the following motion. "In view of the deep interest shown by Gen. Butler in the 26th Regt. both

while in the Service and since our return
to civil life I move that Gen Butler be
made an Honorary Member of this association
The motion was carried unanimously by a
rising vote and greeted by three ~~rousing~~ cheers
The President then called upon members of
the Press also several of the comrades all of whom
responded briefly but to the point

There being no further business the Meeting
adjourned to meet in Boston 1 year from date

Chas. Richardson

Secretary

4th Annual Reunion of the 26th Regt. Association

The 4th Annual Reunion of the Regiment was held at the Crawford House Boston Oct. 18th 1877

The business meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock A.M. - About 40 members being present. Col. Farr Pres. of the association being absent. Capt. Canby was chosen chairman who briefly addressed the comrades.

The Secretaries also the Treasurers Reports were read and accepted.

Voted, - That a com. of one from each company present be chosen to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year.

The following comrades were then chosen

Co. A.	James F. Upham	
" B.	E. L. Davis	
" C.	E. T. Peterson	
" D.		no one present to Rep. the Co.
" E.	E. C. Haynes	
" F.	G. H. Wozze	
" G.		" " "
" H.	Edwin F. Cushing	
" I.	Chas. E. Drew	
" K.	J. M. Peeni	

During the absence of the abon committee the Chairman stated that it was optional with the comrades whether they have their dinner together or each to get it as he thought best, after some remarks by the comrades it was Voted to dine together - dinner tickets \$1.25. On the return of the nominating committee they presented the following names as candidates for office for the ensuing year

For President Capt. C. Caufy.
 " Vice Presidents Capt. James A. Troy and Capt. J. L. Kaper
 " Secretary Lt. James F. Upham
 " Treasurer Lt. S. P. Blodgett

Executive Committee

Co. A. Lt. C. H. Richardson
 " B. Capt. C. Caufy
 " C. C. E. Forchman
 " D.
 " E. D. H. Hall
 " F. Capt. J. A. Troy
 " G. Lt. A. Starkweather
 " H. Edwin F. Crushing
 " I. Capt. E. Orser
 " K. S. W. Pierce

The report of the committee was accepted and the Ballot resulted in the choice of the officers selected by them.

Voted That the reunion of the Regiment next year be held at Lowell Mass. ^{Oct 18th} The arrangements to be left with the executive com.

Voted - That the Regiment have an excursion down Boston Harbor next summer, Lieut C. H. Richardson, Lieut A. Starkweather and E. J. Peterson were chosen as a committee of arrangements for same.

Arrangements having been made for dinner 35 of the comrades marched to the restaurant connected with the Hotel, and for nearly an hour paid their respects to an excellent bill of fare, they then adjourned to the room occupied by the association during the day, and listened to the eloquent

remarks of Mr. Patch Jr. vice commander
 G. A. R., Dept. of Mass and others also a
 song by comrade Trask, a letter was also
 read from Col. Furr. Stating that on account
 of sickness he would be unable to attend
 the reunion, it was Voted that the Sec.
 acknowledge the receipt of this communication
 and express the good wishes and sympathies
 of the comrades.

Voted to adjourn

James F. Upham
 Secretary

5th Annual Reunion of the 26th Mass. Reg- imental Association

The 5th Reunion of the Regiment was held
at Lowell Mass Oct 18th 1878

The Business meeting was held in Jackson
Hall, which was called to order at 11:20 a.m.
by the President Capt. C. Canby, a delay of
thirty minutes having been made awaiting
the arrival of Dr. Davis.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer
read and accepted.

Voted that the present board of officers
serve for the ensuing year.

There being a vacancy in the executive
committee none being elected from Coth Dth at
the last reunion it was voted, that Chas
F. Hayden serve in that capacity.

To ascertain the number present it
was voted that a count be made by
company in alphabetical succession, which
resulted as follows.

Co "A"	11
"B"	8
"C"	1
"D"	1
"E"	15
"F"	6
"G"	1
"H"	3
"I"	2
"K"	2
	<u>50</u>

Voted that the next reunion be held at Ayer Mass Oct. 18th 1879.

Voted that each member of the association consider himself a rallying committee to see or notify members of the Regiment to attend the reunion.

Comrade E. H. Patch of the 19th ^{Mass} Regt. being present and wishing to address the meeting, was called upon by the President to speak, he briefly and to the point, stated to the comrades, that it was proposed to have a grand reunion of all Mass. organizations next year at such time and place as might be agreed upon, at the conclusion of his remarks it was voted that the matter be placed in the hands of a committee of five to make such arrangements as they might agree upon.

The following committee of five were nominated from the floor

Capt. E. Canby
Lieut. C. H. Richardson
Capt. Wm. H. Chapman
Capt. L. J. Keyser
Lieut. G. A. Reed

Arrangements for the dinner exercises having been made by the executive committee it was voted to meet at Jackson Hall at 1.45 and march to Nichols & Hitchens where the exercises were to take place.

Voted to adjourn.

Prompt at 1.45 P.M. the comrades assembled at Jackson Hall in light marching orders, waiting orders to take up the line of march for Nichols and Butcher, two drummers having been kindly furnished by Capt. Blood took their station at the head of the column which had formed in two ranks, facing to the right, the order was then given to move and as each file reached the sidewalk they caught the step from the drums, and that martial spirit which was so nearly dormant was fully aroused, and the same familiar sound reached the ear that came from the sidewalks and pavements of New Orleans, as the relief guard made its rounds during the night, or the Regt. was out for its daily parade, not a mistake, to break the regular tramp-tramp, tramp-tramp until the last man disappeared inside the door of the place where rations were to be served. Instead of stacking arms, throwing off blankets shelter tents haversacks &c. and making a break for the nearest rail fence, all quietly laid aside his silk or soft felt hat and overcoat in the reception room, and indulged in a few moments social chat, waiting for the supply train to come up, or more properly speaking, for the proprietors and waiters to make room in the dining hall for about a dozen more guests than had been counted on when the tickets were disposed of at the business meeting, soon everything

was ready, the doors to the dining hall
 were thrown open and the comrades filed
 in, right and left, and came to a halt,
 when opposite the place he was to
 occupy at the long table which extended
 the whole length of the hall, after
 being seated and doing full justice
 to an excellent bill of fare, Capt.
 Coffey who presided, called the
 company to order, and made
 a few appropriate introductory remarks
 and then called upon his Honor Mayor
 Richardson, Lieut. Richardson, Col. Chapman,
 Lieut. Reed, Lieut. Hayes comrade Patch
 and others who made short addresses,
 Capt. Coffey, now residing in California,
 sent a letter to the Association which was
 read by Capt. Keyser recalling numer-
 ous incidents relating to the history
 of the Regiment, a vote of Thanks was
 ordered to be transmitted to him for it,
 and the best wishes of the Association
 for his future prosperity. Major Bonney
 who was at the reunion for the first
 time addressed the comrades, in which he
 made some excellent puns from the
 names of those present, an interesting
 description of the Battle of Winchester
 or Opequan, written by an officer of the
 12th Conn. Regt. was read by the Secy.
 The spirit in which Sheridan's Ride
 was recited by Sergt. Hall, seemed to
 electrify everyone, who, after applauding
 the speaker, arose and gave three roll-
 ing cheers for the commander who
 saved the day, by riding from

Manchester, twenty miles away, cheering for
others was in order for a few moments.

Then from the west, the setting sun,
Admonished us all, that the time had come,
To bring to a close, as the hour was late,
This pleasant reunion of seventy eight.

Then the Captain, who stood at the head of the table,
Remarked to the comrades, that all who were able,
Attend the reunion, one year from to-day.

Then adjourned he the meeting, without delay,
When the meeting was over, did comrades declare
That one year from date, At Ayer they'd be there.

James F. Upham
Secretary

6" Reunion.

The 6" Annual Reunion of the Regiment was held at Ayer Mass Saturday Oct. 18th 1879

The meeting for business was held in the Town Hall, and was called to order by the President Capt. C. Caufy at 11 o'clock but immediately adjourned to 1 o'clock, as a number were expected to arrive from Boston, Lowell and other places on the noon trains

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 1 o'clock

The Reports of the Secretary and of the Treasurer were read and accepted.

On the question for the election of officers it was voted, that a committee on nomination be appointed of one from each company, that they retire and bring in a list of names for officers for the ensuing year

Voted that the committee be appointed by the chair

Committee as appointed.

- Co. "A."	Leut C. H. Richardson
" "B"	Loring Winsley
" "C"	A. E. Strong
" "D"	John C. Lloyd
" "E"	D. H. Hall
" "F"	Alonso Bowman
" "G"	Leut A. Starkweather

Co. "H" _____
 " " "D" Joseph J. G. Ball
 " " "K" Frank M. Balcom
 Then being no one present belonging
 to Co. "H" it was voted that Capt. R.O.
 Houghton represent them

Voted that a recess be taken during
 the absence of the Committee
 On the ^{return of the} Committee, the meeting was
 called to order and it was voted
 unanimously that the following names
 that they presented be the officers for
 the ensuing year

For President.
 Col. W^m H. Chapman

For Vice Presidents
 Alonzo Bowman and Sergt D. H. Hall

For Secretary
 James F. Upham

For Treasurer
 Lieut. S. P. Blodgett

For Executive Committee

Co. "A." J. B. Wilson
 "B." R.O. Houghton
 "C." C. C. Pocheran
 "D." J. F. Lloyd
 "E." J. W. Loker

Co. "F." J. L. Keyser
 "G." A. Starkweather
 "H." C. F. Cushing
 "I." C. M. Fitzgerald
 "K." Frank M. Balcom

After considerable discussion in relation to the place of the next meeting of the association it was voted unanimously that the next reunion be held Oct. 18th 1880 at South Acton Mass.

Lieut Richardson in speaking of the death of our late Commander Col. A. B. Farr made some very appropriate remarks, it was then voted that a committee of three be appointed to draft a set of resolutions to be presented at our next meeting, also a copy of same to be sent to his family

Committee on Resolutions

Lieut C. H. Richardson

J. J. G. Ball

J. F. Upham

Voted that the Chaplain Chas. Babbidge be added to the committee

To ascertain the number present it was Voted that they be counted by company which resulted as follows. (50 in all)

Co. "A" 6

Lieut C. H. Richardson, J. F. Upham, Sergt. J. F. Slater
Corp. J. B. Wilson M. L. Bassett A. H. Dwinelle.

Co. "B" 15

Capt. E. Caufy
P. Bussey
W. B. Colver
O. W. Booth
J. O. Brien

Capt. R. O. Houghton
W. F. Goring
S. W. Wheeler
C. C. Capelle
Geo. E. Hall

Loring Horsley
C. L. Davis
A. Harnedden
C. Capelle
A. B. Brown

Co. "C" 1

N. E. Storey

Co. "D." 2
John F. Lloyd E. J. D. Huckins

Co. "E." 12
Col. W. ^{H.} Chapman, Lt. E. P. Blodgett, Lt. E. E. Haynes
Lt. G. A. Reed, Sergt. D. H. Hall Geo. F. Lord
Robert Fletcher J. W. Fiske Chas. W. Dascomb
Frank H. Stearns Jonathan W. Loker John Wayne

Co. "F." 3
Capt. J. L. Keyser Alonzo Bowman Cornelius Doyle

Co. "G." 1
Lieut A. Starkweather

Co. "H." —

Co. "I." 6
Joseph J. G. Ball, E. M. Fitzgerald L. V. Clough
W. A. Lothrop Frank L. Wood Madison Beal

Co. "K." 3
F. M. Balcom Frank Young Fred Boston

Chaplain Charles Baffidge.

Immediately after the adjournment of the business meeting at 2.30 P.M. the comrades gathered at the Union House to partake of an excellent dinner prepared by Mrs Beverly the proprietress. Instead of Piled Beans or Peas, "Salt Horse" Ham Fat or Fresh Beef, Soft-bread or Hard Tack, Boiled rice with New Orleans syrup, tea or coffee without milk and sometimes without sugar. (not the cooks fault) We had

Roast Turkey, chicken pie, boiled ham,
 beef's tongue, scalloped oysters, Irish and
 sweet potatoes, squash, Turnips, beets and
 onions, white and brown bread, butter and
 cheese, cranberry jelly, celtory, pickles, apples
 squash and frosted lemon pies, cracker, tapioca,
 and frosted puddings, fruit, silver, gold, ribbon.
 sponge, frosted and ornamental cake, apples,
 pears grapes, Ice cream &c. &c. &c. &c. which
 means, Havana or Virginia Leaf rolled and
 lighted at one end,

Then the out-going President, Capt. Canby by name,
 who came from the west, to see the comrades again,
 arose in his place, while the boys were a smoking,
 And called them to order, in remarks without joking.

Then called Chaplain Babbidge, who, when on his feet,
 Addressed the comrades in language quite pithy and neat.

When, at the next call, then arose in the corner,
 One whom the comrades delighted to honor,
 Who made his address, as the incoming President,
 It was Col. W^m H. Chapman of Everett a resident.

The next who addressed us, from Lowell he came,
 A man of large stature, with a very long name,
 C. H. Richardson, not the mayor, but, who can tell,
 As he is to run for an Alderman, and they say,
 will run well.

A captain then spoke, who came not from Stoughton,
 But Fitchburg, she claims him, and his name it is
 Stoughton.

Then a gentleman arose, near the foot of the table,
 Who told his experience, in language quite able,
 Of his troubles down south, he had much to tell,
 His name was announced, as Burnham Wardwell,

The next that came in order, was read by Sgt. Hall,
 Who used to give us rations, fifteen years ago this fall,
 Thirty days in Dixie, was what he read to-day,
 The experience of Lt. Estabrook, who belonged to Co. "K."

The Shanandoah campaign from Grant's report was read,
 How the rebels threatened Washington, with Early
 But the Sixth, the Eighth, and Nineteenth corps, ^{(at their head,} won sent with
 Who thrashed them hard at Winchester, Cedar Creek and ^{(Little Phil,}
^{(Fisher's Hill,}

Regrets were then read, from those far away,

Who could not be with us, on our grand festival day
 First, from best friends, our old commander, of sixty one ^{and two,}
 Who in the streets of Baltimore, led the old Sixth Regt.
 Then from Genl. Emory, who commanded the Nineteenth corp. ^{(through,}

And led his men to victory, in the fall of sixty four.
 Last, from our great commander, round whom the boys did ^{(rally,}
 As he rode to the front from Winchester, in the Shanandoah Valley.
 It was Genl. Phillip Sheridan, a leader in the war,
 Of the greatest civil conflict, the world ever saw,

A gentleman was called, who then took the floor,

It was Turner, the editor, who sat near the door,
 Who promised the boys, if they would pass in their name
 He would send them a paper, containing the same.

Then old Father Time, whom we all know so well,

In language spoke plainer, than words could tell,
 That the hour was late, and it was time we were through,
 As the trains we would take, were then nearly due,

So a motion to adjourn, was immediately carried,

Then the boys at the station, for a little while tarried,
 Till the trains came in sight, which soon broke the spell,
 Then came words of parting, farewell and farewell,

James F. Upsham
 Secretary

7th Reunion

The Seventh Annual Reunion of the 26th Regiment Association was held at South Acton Mass. Oct. 18th 1880

The meeting for business was held in Exchange Hall, and was called to order by the President Col. W^m H. Chapman at 10:30 a. m.

The report of the Secretary was read and accepted

The Treasurer Lieut. S. P. Blodgett being absent the report showing a bal. of \$35.50 on hand was read by the secretary and accepted

The committee on resolutions relating to the death of our late Commander Col. A. B. Farr reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted, a copy of which had been forwarded to his family at Rumney N. H.

Resolutions

Whereas, In obedience to the law of nature, our late commander Col. A. B. Farr, has passed forever from earthly scenes and associates, we, his comrades of the 26th Regt Mass, Vols, in order to testify our respect for his memory, do hereby pass and record the following resolutions,

Resolved, That by the death of our late Commander Col. A. B. Farr. we are brought to a more vivid sense of our regard for him, and of the loss we have sustained in his departure from among us,

Resolved, - That his ready response to the call of his country at a time

when the safety of the Union was imperiled, and his perseverance in its defence, entitle him to the respect and love of his comrades, and the gratitude of his fellow citizens,

Resolved.—That while we honor his example, we will cherish the remembrance of his many excellent qualities as a friend and a soldier.—

The next business in order being the election of officers for the ensuing year, Lt. Starkweather moved to re-elect the old board, but as the by-laws require that they shall be elected by ballot, it was voted, on motion of Capt. Houghton that the names of the officers be placed on one ballot and deposited by Lt. Starkweather

The officers elected are as follows,

President

Col. Wm. F. Chapman

Vice Presidents

Alonzo Bowman — D. H. Hall

Secretary

James F. Upham.

Treasurer

Lt. S. P. Blodgett.

Executive Com.

Sec. "A" J. B. Wilson

"B" Capt. R. D. Houghton

"C" E. T. Peterson

"D" J. F. Lloyd

"E" J. W. Loker

Sec. "F"

"G"

"H"

"I"

"K"

Capt. J. L. Keyser

Lt. A. Starkweather

E. F. Corning

E. M. Fitzgerald

Frank M. Balcom

~~After the committee retired it was voted that a recess of ten minutes be taken,~~

~~The meeting was called to order immediately after the return of the committee, they reported through~~

The business next in order was the place of the next reunion, after considerable discussion, a committee was appointed of one from each company, which were to retire and then report to the meeting the name of a place which they might agree upon. Committee as appointed by the chair.

Sec. A. Lt. Col. H. Richardson Co. "F." A. Bowman

"B" Capt. R. O. Houghton "G." Capt. James Brady Jr.

"C" Capt. Peterson "H." _____

"D" E. J. D. Huckins "I." F. L. Wood

"E" Lt. Gen. A. Reed "K" F. M. Balcom

After the committee retired it was voted that a recess of ten minutes be taken.

The meeting was called to order immediately after the return of the committee, they reported through Lt. Reed, that the next meeting be held Oct 15th 1887 at Lowell Mass.

Voted that the report be accepted and that Lowell be the place of the next reunion.

Voted that the dinner hour be at 1 o'clock

The secretary wishing to revise the list of membership and also to obtain the names of those present, called the roll which resulted as follows,

Co. "A" 5.

Lieut. C. H. Richardson

Sergt. J. F. Slater

F. E. Sprague

James F. Upham

M. L. Russell

Co. "B" 11

Capt. R. O. Houghton

W. Smith

S. D. Hoyt

Myron F. Goring

G. E. Hall

S. W. Wheeler

C. L. Davis

Gilbert Cook

Lorin Hosley

A. B. Brown

W. B. Clark

Co. "C" 3.

Lt. Ezra Farnsworth

A. E. Story

C. J. Peterson

Co. "D" 2.

C. J. D. Hucksins

A. Chickerling

Co. "E" 25.

Col. W. H. Chapman

Lt. C. E. Haynes

" G. A. Reed

Sergt. D. H. Hall

R. W. Edwards

James W. Fiske

S. R. Burroughs

C. A. Brooks

Dennis Sheehan

A. J. Lamphere

C. W. Dacomt

Rt. H. Fletcher

Patrick Callahan

Benj. Skinner

Geo. Flood

J. S. Puffer

F. H. Stevens

W. B. Cram

John Wayne

J. W. Locker

C. Farrell

L. Battles

Geo. Handley

Layme Paige

C. W. Fletcher

Co. "F." 3.

Alonzo Bowman

A. L. Gilson

E. H. Soper

Co. "G." 3

Capt. James Brady Jr. Lt. Starkweather
Thomas Altham.

Co. "H." —

Co. "I." 5

E. M. Fitzgerald

M. A. Lothrop

A. Oryde

F. L. Wood

L. V. Blough

Co. "K." 3.

Corp. F. Young

Corp. F. M. Balcom

Corp. M. M. Stebbins

Whole number present 60

There being no other business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 12, 20 P. M.

The dinner hour having been postponed from 1 to 2 o'clock the comrades assembled at Exchange Hall just before the latter hour, and having formed in double ranks were soon on the march to the vestry of the universalist church which was a short distance from the Hall and where an excellent dinner was partaken of which was furnished by landlord Pierce of the American House.

It was noticed that in marching from the Hall to the vestry, that the

Step of the comrades was not quite so elastic as it used to be long ago, when the company or rather Regiment were after their rations, it may have been the want of music at the head of the column, or it may have been that the 16 or 18 years of civil life, in the struggle for existence against old father time, had told on the boys, or perhaps it was the result from the exposure in the malarial swamps of Louisiana, the campaign of Virginia, or the sickening summer heat of Savannah, but it seemed more evident that the slow progress was caused by 2 or 3 honored members of the regiment being in the ranks, who had not met with us before, and although now present wholly in spirit were not so in body, for as they marched with the regiment down the western slope of the Blue Ridge into the valley of the Shenandoah, which was the valley of death to so many, they came up out of it, broken down, leaving behind either a foot or a leg that had well done its duty, so that on the march 16 years after, the artificial limbs could not quite keep pace with those that nature had provided.

When the church was reached, the comrades soon seated themselves at three long tables in the vestry, and made up in eating the time lost by postponement and marching, Turkey, chicken and pork disappeared quite

rapidly, if not quite so mysteriously, as they used to on the march or on the first day or two in camp, the dinner consisted of six kinds of meat, vegetables of all kinds, salads, Bread, sauces, a great variety of cake and pies, tea and coffee, Ice cream, fruits and other good things which go to make up a first class dinner, or which would make a good weeks ration, while in the service and from one hundred to one hundred and fifty miles from the base of supply.

Then was no champagne, but after cigars were passed and lighted and the speakers were called one after the other we then drank deep from the cup which does not intoxicate, but which had more sparkle, and left pleasanter memories than could either champagne or its equivalent.

After a few remarks by the President of the association he called on the following comrades and citizens in the order named below.

Capt. Brady -	Lt. Farnsworth
Capt. Doughton	Lt. Richardson
Capt. Tuttle	Byrne Puige

Dr. Hutchins and Rev. D. C. Knowlton of W. Acton
Rev. F. D. Wood of Acton Centre

As Capt Brady's name was called he was greeted with a storm of applause which nearly took him off his feet, this being his first appearance at our Reunions and many had not seen him since he so bravely led his men through and beyond the second piece

of woods at Winchester and managed to take a rebel battery and would have succeeded had the first line been well supported. His lost leg and shattered hip told how well he had done his part.

Lieut Farnsworth who met with us also for the first time was well greeted and although losing a foot at Cedar Creek, is able with an artificial one to carry on out in Hancock Minn. a small farm of four square miles he gave us quite an interesting account of his visiting places in New Orleans and Virginia that were familiar to most of us, and one incident he related of his experience at a tavern in the Upper Shenandoah Valley, showed that the fight was not yet, all out of him.

Lieut, or rather Alderman Richardson in congratulating the comrades on having Capt. Brady with them, told some very amusing incidents about him, one in particular giving a graphic description of a dress parade on Ship Island which was so laughable, that the table and dishes joined in the applause, and it was thought the Capt would explode.

Lynus Paige of Bedford Mass who was without doubt the oldest man that belonged to the Regiment, being at present 75 years of age, was present, having walked from Lynn to Boston 11 miles, took the car there for Concord, then walked

the balance of the way to South Acton 5 miles, making 16 miles in all walked, so as to be present for the first time at our reunion, he read an interesting poem composed by himself, entitled one hundred years ago, The spirit in which it was recited, together with his long tramp, showed that although being the oldest, was yet one of the youngest present.

Letters of regret were then read from the following named members of the Regiment who were unable to be present, Genl. E. F. Jones of Binghamton N.Y., Chaplain C. Babbidge of Peppeset Mass, Surgeon E. J. Perkins Boston, Asst Surgeon Isaac Smith Dr of Fall River Mass, and Lucius H. L. Estabrook of Lockport N.Y.

A letter was read from the Confederate Genl. J. B. Gordon of Atlanta Ga. in reply to one written him by the Secretary, asking if he had any knowledge of the capture or disposition of the colors belonging to the Reg't, which were lost at Winchester, while charging the line which he commanded, he regretted that he was unable to give the necessary information, after the above letters were read, one of the pleasantest reunions of the association was brought to a close

James F. Wigham
Secretary

The eighth Annual reunion of the 26th Mass Regiment was held at Lowell Mass Oct. 18th 1881

The business of the Association was held in Jackson Hall, the President Col Wm H. Chapman presiding, called the meeting to order at 10.30 A. M. but as a large number was expected on the noon trains the meeting was adjourned until 12 o'clock M.

Immediately after the adjourned meeting was called to order the secretary read the report which was accepted of the Reunion held at South Acton Oct 18th 1880

The report of the finances by the Treasurer Lieut E. P. Blodgett was read and accepted, showing a bal of 23.53 on hand.

Voted, that a committee of one from each company be appointed by the Chair to report a list of officers for the ensuing year

The committee were as follows

Co. "A" Sergt. J. B. Wilson	Co. "F" Sergt. Geo. H. Muzzey
" "B" W. B. Clark	" "G" Robt Peters
" "C" E. J. Peterson	" "H" Sergt J. F. Alexander
" "D" Sergt L. F. Hayden	" "I" Calvin Greenwood
" "E" Lt. Geo. H. Reed	" "K" Frank M. Balcomb

The committee having retired it was Voted that a recess of 10 minutes be taken

The meeting was called to order on the return of the committee, it was ~~voted~~ that their report, naming the following persons to serve as officers for the ensuing year be accepted.

For President
Capt. James Brady Jr.

For Vice Presidents
Capt. James A. Troy and Lt. C. H. Richardson

For Secretary
James F. Upham

For Treasurer
Lt. S. P. Blodgett

Executive Committee
Co. "A" Sergt J. B. Wilson - Co. "F" Corp. E. H. Soper
" "B" Capt. R. O. Houghton " "G" Lt. A. Starkweather
" "C" E. S. Peterson " "H" Sergt. J. F. Alexander
" "D" Sergt C. F. Hayden " "I" C. E. Drew
" "E" Corp. J. W. L. Parker " "K" Corp. Frank Young

Voted, to amend the by laws so that the Secretary might select an assistant

Voted, that a committee of one from each company be appointed to move and bring in the name of the place of our next reunion

Voted that the same committee appointed to report a list of officers for the ensuing year, serve on the labor committee.

Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted and that Boston which we recommend, be the place of the next annual reunion Oct. 18th 1883.

The following resolutions were presented and read by the secretary relative to the death of our late Surgeon George T. Perkins

Resolutions

Whereas in obedience to the will of God, He, having taken from us our late Surgeon George T. Perkins, we, the members of the 26th Mass. Regt. brought together to celebrate its eighth annual reunion, do hereby testify our respect to his memory, and pass to be recorded the following resolutions,

Resolved, — That by the death of our late Surgeon, George T. Perkins, we are brought to realize how uncertain is life, that the unwelcome messenger not only comes to our homes, taking those whom we love, but that he visits public and private associations, and high places of honor, and taking those whom the people delight to honor,

Resolved — That we recognize in the life and character of our late Comrade, that spirit of heroism and patriotism, which is so necessary for our national existence, enlisting in the army in the early part of the war, serving as steward and assistant Surgeon in the 22^d Mass. Regt. that he might in his capacity help alleviate

the suffering of those who were bearing the brunt of the battle, and although not in the front rank or in the skirmish line, yet, he was in the midst of danger and was severely wounded and taken prisoner, was soon exchanged, and when recovered, joined his regt. serving with it until it was mustered out, then joining the 32^d Mass, Regt. —

He might have retired with honor from army life when his term of service had expired, but he came to the front again, joining our Regt. in the valley where death had reaped such rich harvests.

Resolved — That while we hold dear his memory, we feel a deep sympathy for the loved ones, whom he left around the fireside, beside the empty chair and who miss his counsel.

Voted, that the above resolutions be placed on the records of the association, and that a copy of same be sent to his family.

Voted, that the name of each present and company to which they belong be placed on the records of the association.

The name and company of each were as follows

Co. "A" 12
 Capt. Geo. A. Dickerman
 Lieut. C. H. Richardson
 " C. F. Emerson
 " J. F. Upham
 Sergt. J. F. Slater
 " J. B. Wilson
 S. E. Austin
 A. Oakes
 Isaac Peabody
 C. Kent
 H. C. Crafts
 P. Halpin

Co. "B" 16
 Capt. R. O. Houghton
 Lieut. S. D. Hough
 " Chas. Dix
 Geo. A. Adams
 W. B. Clark
 W. H. Cross
 Loring Hosley
 John H. Balcom
 Chas. C. Capelle
 Christopher Capelle
 E. L. Davis
 Jonas Shattuck
 Gilbert Cook
 O. W. Booth
 A. B. Brown
 George Ellis

Co. "C" 1
 E. J. Peterson

Co. "D" 2
 Sergt. C. F. Hayden
 John Weir

Co. "E" 21
 Col. W. M. Chapman
 Lieut. S. J. Blodgett
 " George A. Reed
 Sergt. D. M. Hall
 J. W. Loker
 C. B. Taft
 A. J. Lamberton
 Denis C. Sheehan
 C. W. Daseant
 Geo. Filord
 Robt. Fletcher

Chas. A. Brooks
 S. F. Teele
 Geo. B. Cram
 S. R. Burroughs
 C. D. Lothrop
 Cyrus Paige
 Cyrus Pickard
 George Handley
 James W. Fiske
 John Wayne

Co. "F" 11

Capt. James A. Troy
 Sergt. Geo. R. Muzzey
 John Turner
 Frank McGwire
 C. R. Giles
 A. L. Gibson

E. R. Soper
 J. P. Barnes
 C. Doyle
 A. Bowman
 Amos L. Jones

Co. "G" 8

Capt. James Brady Jr.
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Joseph Harrison
 Andrew Garry

P. F. Hogan
 Robt. Peters
 Thomas Althan
 James Kidd

Co. "H" 7

Sergt. John F. Alexander
 Thomas Alexander
 E. A. Sullivan
 E. F. Crashing

Fireman Hitchins
 James R. Fulton
 Walter M. Fulton

Co. "I" 6

William H. Cross
 C. E. Drew
 Calvin M. Greenwood

M. A. Lothrop
 D. E. Worthley
 B. K. Thomas

Co. "K" 3

Frank M. Balcom
 Frank Young

Fred Cocton

Medical Dep't 1

Asst. Surgeon Lorenzo Fox

Band 1

Eugene S. Muzzey

Total 89

Voted, to meet at Jackson Hall at 145
and march to dinner

Voted, to send to each member of the
Association a copy of a Lowell paper
giving an account of the reunion

Voted to adjourn

At 145 the Regiment met in Jackson
Hall and were soon on their way to
Nichols & Hutchins to partake of
the bounties spread in the large banquet
Hall, it being a repetition of the 5th
Reunion in 1878 when the Regt met
in the same Hall and marched to the
same place for dinner.

The comrades with invited guests
numbering 96 in all were soon seated around
the long tables extending the whole length
of the hall.

Col. Chapman presiding made a
brief address, and then called upon the
Rev. Smith Baker of Lowell to invoke
divine blessing. The comrades then with-
out much urging from the Col. made a
grand attack on the bountiful supply
of good things, which had been so
densely massed in their front, but
which with a little maneuvering was
soon surrounded and disappended as
effectually if not quite so rapidly
as did a flock of 50 sheep at
Oppeleonas in Oct. 1863 while attempting
to pass through our company street.

they having escaped from the enclosure at Brigade Head quarters, where the guard was supposed to keep the gate closed to keep them confined, the guard was not arrested, but the sheep were, and also placed in close confinement.

After dinner the chairman called the comrades to order and in a few words congratulated them on there being so many present, and also thanked them for the honor of the position he had held as president for the past two years, he then called on his honor Mayor Greenhalge of Lowell, who after addressing the Chair stated to the comrades that he appeared on behalf of the city of Lowell to express to the Veterans the pleasure which the city feels at their coming, He hoped the comrades had experienced much gratification at the visit, then had properly seen some of the beautiful laughters of our city, our manufacturing industries and the natural beauties of our beloved city; he called attention to the fact that the watering carts of heaven had been got out to lay the dust in our streets, and then extended a generous welcome to the visitors to the heart of hearts of the city of Lowell, The city extended that welcome to them as men who, some twenty years ago went out at their country's call to offer up their lives, if need be

in its defence. He remembered as a boy
 that eventful time, The footsteps of the old
 Sixth Regiment had scarcely ceased to
 sound in the streets of Baltimore, when
 the gallant band of men went forward
 to the front to take their place, and, my
 friends, we are always ready to extend to
 Acton and Groton and Boston, the same
 credit which we ask for our own fellow
 citizens. In that trying time you did
 your work well, and it seems to me
 as you came back and gather once
 more around the old colors, as you
 look in each others faces, and then,
 as you look at the results of your
 work, as seen in the city of Lowell,
 you have a right to feel happy
 and proud and satisfied, year after
 year the drums that you followed in '61
 beat more faintly through the lapse of
 time. Your banners are furled in the
 peaceful halls of a peaceful State,
 Our peaceful industries, our teeming
 factories, whose lights at night twinkle
 in the bosom of the peaceful Merrimack,
 are all monuments to you and the
 work you have done, and I am glad
 then are so many of you to return
 here to day, and we may regard the
 rain as the tear drops shed upon the
 graves of those who are no more to
 return. I am told there are some 300
 or more survivors of this gallant band,
 and I can only say, on the part of
 the City of Lowell, that so long as
 there is a single bayonet left in your

rank, so long as there is a hand left to
 wave your colors, so long, I am sure, you
 will find warm hearts and a warm
 welcome here in this city of Lowell,
 which you have done so much to save,
 strengthen and redeem.
 As the mayor finished his remarks
 he was greeted with prolonged applause
 by the comrades.

The chairman then introduced Col.
 Porter of the 14th Maine Regt who
 commanded our Brigade at Cedar
 Creek after Gen. Brown was wounded,
 and is the only officer living who
 commanded a Regiment in the old
 Brigade as then organized. He thanked
 the veterans for the privilege that
 had been accorded of meeting
 them. He greeted them as soldiers of
 the Union who had fought for a
 common cause, and for the maintain-
 ance of a common country. He con-
 sidered that no army that ever went
 to the field, or that ever hereafter may
 go to the field, embodied more intelli-
 gence, patriotism and bravery, than the
 army that the United States put in
 the field during the late rebellion.
 The world had looked on with much
 interest to see how the soldiers of the
 late war would conduct themselves in
 private life, but the result had
 shown that the best soldiers had made
 the best civilians, and in his opinion
 every position which the government had

to dispose of, should be given to them in preference to any other. He then referred to instances of individual heroism and bravery which he had seen displayed upon the battle field, and recited reminiscences of army life which evidently awakened a responsive thrill in the hearts of his listeners. He was frequently applauded during his remarks, and greeted with three hearty cheers as he concluded.

The following letter from Lieut Badger collector of New Orleans, which was read to late to be presented at the last Reunion was read by the secretary

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 13, 1880.
James F. Updegraff, 3 North Street, Boston, Mass.: My Dear Sir—Your letter of the 28th ult. is received, conveying the information that the seventh annual reunion of the old 26th takes place October 18th at South Acton, Mass.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances will prevent me from joining my old comrades of the 26th on that occasion.

Great changes have occurred since the gallant men of the 26th pushed their way through the swamps in the rear of Fort St. Philip, and occupied the quarantine above. Forts Jackson and St. Philip, where so many of our comrades succumbed to the unhealthy malaria, still frown angrily across the broad Mississippi, and instead of a full regiment as garrison, the forts are now occupied by a single ordinance sergeant. The old dilapidated custom house, which served as quarters for the command while in New Orleans, now presents a far different appearance, having been altered and completed in fine style. The interior finish and decorations are magnificent.

The Union soldiers who have settled in this section of the country maintain their identity by the organization of ex-soldiers' associations, Grand Army of the Republic, etc. The annual commemoration in honor of the nation's dead heroes on the 30th day of May, is a marked event in the Crescent City, and the exercises on that day as well as the decoration of graves in the national cemetery at Chalmette, are participated in by federal and confederate alike. Animositities engendered by the late war have well nigh disappeared, and the federal soldier is respected in this community according to his status as an honorable citizen.

In conclusion, I beg you will say to my old comrades that there is no period of my life which I can more proudly refer to than that during which I served with the old 26th. I trust that I may meet you all at a subsequent reunion. I remain yours very truly,

A. S. BADGER.

Letters were also read from Col. Jones, Capt. Bayly, Lieut. Farnsworth and Geo. Kimball expressing their regret in not being able to be present.

A letter dated Oct. 12, 1881 from Mrs. Spaulding, Leominster Mass, was also read, stating that her husband Dana

Shoulder's Co. "B" Died Oct. 24 "1850"
of pneumonia,

After the reading of the above letter the Col. called on Lieut E. N. Thompson of the 12th Maine Regt. who said the occasion carried his mind back to the time when his and our Regt were in service in the swamps of Louisiana, and among the beautiful hills and valleys of Virginia, he also told some amusing incidents,

At this point Capt. Brady our new president was discovered retreating from the Hall, he was brought to a halt, and called upon for a speech, but his stating that he had got to go, - in order to make corrections in Boston with the trains for Fall River, he was released, with three rousing cheers from the boys.

Brief addresses were made by Lieut. Starkweather, Capt. Dickerman, Lieut. Richardson, Capt. Houghton, Lieut. Reed, comrades Hutchins & Bowman, also our old Veteran Capt. Cyrus Paige, their remarks were quite interesting, alluding as they did to many incidents connected with the Regt, and of our annual reunions which has a tendency to draw more closely the tie of friendships, which was formed by the four years association at the South, and which was so firmly cemented by the loss of those left behind in the silent dwelling places of Louisiana, and

the life current which flowed so freely at
Winchester and Cedar Creek.

At the close of the minutes the
Reunion which was the largest and one
of the best, was brought to a close

J. A. Upshaw
Secretary

Ninth Annual Reunion of the 26th
Mass. Regiment Association.

The annual Reunion of the Regiment
was held at the United States Hotel
Boston Oct. 18th 1882.

The meeting for business was held
in one of the rooms connected with
the hotel, and was called to order at
11:30 by Capt. Brady the President
of the Association.

The report of the Reunion held at
Lowell Oct. 18th 1881 was read by the sec-
retary and accepted.

The report of the Treasurer Lieut.
S. P. Blodgett, showing a balance of
\$18.23 was read and accepted.

Voted, that the Association proceed
to the election of officers.

Voted, - That the officers serving for
the past year be re-elected, and
that the Secretary cast a ballot for
the same.

The officers are re-elected as
follows

For President,
Capt. James Brady Jr.

For Vice Presidents,
Capt. James A. Troy - and Lt. C. H. Richardson.

For Secretary
James F. Upham

For Treasurer
Lucius S. P. Blodgett

Executive Committee

Co. "A" Sergt J. B. Wilson	Co. "F" Corp. E. H. Soper
"B" Capt. R. O. Houghton	"G" Lt. A. Starkweather
"C" E. T. Peterson	"H" Sergt. J. F. Alexander
"D" Sergt. E. F. Hayden	"I" E. E. Drew
"E" Corp. J. W. Loker	"K" Corp. Frank Young

Voted, That a committee of one from each company be appointed by the chair, that they return, and then report to the meeting the name of a place for our next reunion,

The committee as appointed were as follows

Co. "A" Sergt. J. F. Slater	Co. "F" A. L. Gilson
"B" E. L. Davis	"G" Sergt. Thomas Altham
"C" E. T. Peterson	"H" J. F. Alexander
"D" Corp. J. F. Lloyd	"I" M. A. Lothrop
"E" Corp. Sergt. D. H. Hall	"K" Corp. Frank Young

During the absence of the committee a recess was taken. on their return the meeting was called to order, when they reported that as they could not ^{fully} agree on a place for the next reunion, they would recommend Fall River and Fitchburg as places from which the meeting might choose. After considerable debate it was voted that the 10th Annual Reunion Oct. 18th 1883 be held at Fitchburg Mass. The vote was then made unanimous,

The following are the names of those present and the company to which they belong

Co. "A" 6

Lieut. C. H. Richardson
Sergt. J. F. Slater
J. B. Wilson
M. L. Bassett
H. A. Balcom
Dr. J. F. Upham

Co. "B" 22

Capt. J. S. Cook
" R. O. Houghton
Lieut. Samuel D. Hoyt
" Chas. W. Dix
Sergt. Chas. C. Caspelle
Sergt. Myron F. Goring
Corp. Geo. A. Adams
" Charles Williams
" S. W. Wheeler
A. L. Brown
P. Bussey
Christopher Caspelle
Gilbert Cook
W. B. Clark
F. C. Crose
C. L. Davis
J. D. Fairbanks
Geo. E. Hall
Wm. Hunt
Loring Huxley
Geo. A. Litchfield
C. P. Sartell

Co. "C" 8

Sergt. William Crockett
Corp. Freeman Holmes
" Chas. E. Forcherson
Richard Allen
Thomas Davis
J. L. Howard
E. T. Peterson
David Rotch

Co. "D" 2

Lieut. John Cloyd
A. C. Hicking.

Co. "E" 21

Col. Wm. H. Chapman
Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
" James Moulton
" Geo. A. Reed
Sergt. C. W. Parkhurst
Sergt. D. H. Hall
Corp. S. R. Burroughs
" Geo. B. Cram
" John B. Cram
James H. Adams
J. W. Frisk
George Handley
C. D. Lothrop
Cyrus Page
C. P. Pickard
Geo. W. Sawyer
J. F. Teale

Co. "E," Continued
 E. B. Taft.
 W. F. B. Whitney.
 S. Whitney
 John Wayne

Co. "F," 10

Capt. Thomas H. Amiable
 " J. L. Keyser
 Corp. T. P. Barnes
 A. Bowman
 J. E. Barnes
 C. H. Giles
 A. L. Gilson
 Geo. E. Ingerson
 C. E. Pittus
 Thomas Burke

Co. "G," 11

Capt. James Brady Jr.
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Sergt. Thomas Altham
 " C. P. Starr
 " Richard Whitehead
 W. H. Cook
 J. E. Collins
 James Crocker
 D. Hogan
 E. Meadowcraft
 R. Peters

Co. "H," 14,
 Sergt. J. F. Alexander
 E. F. Cushing.
 Freeman Hitchins
 Thomas Alexander

Co. "I," 7

M. Beal
 L. V. Clough
 C. Drew
 Thomas Hill
 A. Hyde
 M. A. Lothrop
 D. C. Worthley

Co. "K," 9

Lieut. H. L. & Stabrook
 Sergt. F. A. Spaulding
 Corp. W. E. Cole
 " Frank Young
 F. M. Balcom
 O. W. Balcom
 F. Boston
 J. Kennedy
 D. S. Vaughan

Adjutant
 Lieut. S. B. Smith

Total present 101

Voted, That a vote of thanks be extended to the officers of the Association for the services rendered during the past year.

Voted to adjourn.

At half past two o'clock the comrades assembled in the room occupied for its business meeting, and soon fell into line, and headed by the President of the Association and invited guests slowly marched through the long winding hallway of the United States Hotel, until it reached the closed doors at the entrance of the large dining room on the opposite side of the building, reminding us of a similar movement of the Regiment, only on a larger scale, when in 1861 it started from one extremity of the United States (not the Hotel) and landed near the entrance to the Mississippi River, whose doors were also found closed for the time being.

The head of the column, when it had reached the dining room, halted for a few moments, until the rear of the line was well closed up, the door was then thrown open, the line of march was resumed, those in the advance moving forward and taking position behind a strong central line of works, while the bal-

ance of the command, separated and moving to the right and left occupied two long lines of fortifications, covering both flanks of the field of operation.

At a signal from the commanding officer from the position held by the advance, the battle commenced in good earnest from all quarters, and which continued for nearly an hour, during which time the boys suffered severely, having to meet the heavy reinforcements that were continually being brought to their front, but the enemy were soon overwhelmed and surrounded, and the curling smoke from the many fires along the line, gave evidence that the victory was complete.

While the comrades were congratulating themselves on the result of the conflict, attention was called by Capt. Brady by his beating the long roll with a knife on fork, on the table which stood directly in his front.

In a few words, he introduced G. H. Patch Dep't. commander G. A. R. who in one of his stirring speeches interested the comrades, in the work they had done in the past, to help make the country what it was today.

Col. Canoll D. Wright of the

14th N. H. Regiment, and who was at one time on the staff of Genl. Birge, recalled many recollections of the active service of the old Brigade.

Past Commander in Chief E. A. R., Major Geo. S. Merrill was called upon, who, in an earnest and patriotic address, interested his hearers, in that which is always pleasing to a soldier.

Capt. Brady then called for Capt. Thomas H. Annable; who, for the first time had met with the association, he expressed himself pleased with meeting the boys after so long a separation, and judging from his remarks he will answer to all roll calls for the future.

A few remarks were then made by Lieut. H. L. Estabrook, who also met with me for the first time, and who had not been seen by many, since he got so far to the front at the battle of Winchester, that he could not get back, but was captured, and joined the advance guard of Early's army in its hurried march up the valley to their base of supply, but not liking the company he was keeping he got - "adrift in Dixie" for thirty days, and finally reached our lines at City Point.

The Secretary read the following

letters from those who had been invited to be our guests, and also from some of the comrades who were unable to be present.

His excellency John D. Long, Governor of the Commonwealth
 Hon. Samuel A. Green Mayor of Boston
 Hon. Robt. T. Davis of Fall River, and candidate for Rep. to congress
 Our Col. Genl. E. F. Jones of Binghamton N.Y.
 Capt. E. Canby of Detroit Mich.
 Lieut. Egan Farnsworth of Hancock Minn.

After the above letters were read the president called on Col. Chapman who responded in appropriate remarks,

When the name of our Veteran Eugene Page was called, he promptly responded, and taking the floor near the table, at the head of the hall, delivered in a few moments one of the most forcible and patriotic speeches that one seldom listens to. It seemed hardly possible, as he stood before us with his form slightly bent, that he was one of our number, and was able to respond and keep step to the music of '61, but as he proceeded, every fibre of his body seemed to bear in unison with the deep spirit of patriotism within, and which gave utterance through his clear ringing voice as he interested his hearers, and who loudly responded with applause and three rousing cheers when he was through. How little could his comrades

realize that he was a lad of 9 years, when in 1815 Genl. Packingham was knocking at the door of New Orleans, which Jackson refused to open.

Luit C. H. Richardson was next invited to address the comrades, as he arose he at once rec'd the attention of all, as though he was again to describe a dress parade which took place on Ship Island, or was about to relate some amusing incident of himself or others, for a few moments he interested his audience by bringing to light some of the unwritten history of quite a number present, then, turning his microscope on the Secretary he seemed about to bring to light some of his army experience, - to protect himself, and turn the table on his adversary when he was through the Secretary thrust to call one of the waiters to bring a large cake, that he might present it to the speaker, as he thought (to use the expression) he was entitled to "take the cake," but as neither cake nor waiter were within call, he had to abandon that line of defense, - on turning round again to face his opponent, he found that his remarks were not only quite pointed, but that he was slowly advancing, it could not be, that this slow progress indicated fear, as the secretary was but

a dwarf beside the speaker, he may have forgotten the many times he was carried from his quarters in New Orleans on the shoulder of the little corporal, who was then before him,

As he continued to advance, it was quite evident, that he had the full sympathy and support of those around him. The Secretary for the first time, realizing the situation in which he was placed, that the microscope had brought to the surface, that only relating to the present, and immediate past, - as there was no way of escape, no floor to open and let him through, and as he was completely surprised and surrounded, his only hope from total annihilation was - unconditional surrender, the terms of which were fully stated in a document with a long list of names appended, and which was handed to him enclosed in a well filled envelope, he endeavored in the trying position in which he was placed, to thank the comrades for this gift, not as compensation for the office which he held, but as a token of friendship and esteem.

As the time was fast approaching for the comrades to separate, the Commander called on Lieut. Geo. A. Reed and Capt. R. O. Houghton who made appropriate closing remarks, covering

the retreat of the largest, and one of
the most successful campaigns of
the Association

James N. Upham
Secretary

Report of the Tenth Annual Reunion of the 26th Mass. Regiment,

The Annual Reunion of the Regt was held at the Fitchburg Hotel Fitchburg Mass. Oct 18th 1883,

The meeting for business was held in the parlor of the Hotel, and was called to order at 1.15 by Capt. Brady, the President of the Association.

The report of the Ninth Reunion, which was held at the United States Hotel Boston was read and accepted.

The Treasurer Lt. Blodgett, being unable to be present, the Secretary read his report, which was accepted, showing a balance on hand of \$5.28

The next business in order, being the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was voted that a committee of one from each company be nominated from the floor, and that they retire and report a list of officers to serve for the coming year.

The committee as nominated were as follows

Co "A," Sergt. J. F. Slater	Co. F. Corp. G. H. Muzzey
" "B," Capt. R. O. Houghton	" "G," Lt. A. Starkweather
" "C," Priv. H. A. Bennett	" "H," J. J. Marshall
" "D," " E. J. D. Hitchens	" "I," Priv. S. E. Drew
" "E," Sergt. G. H. Hall	" "K," " C. W. Balch

Voted, That a recess be taken during the absence of the committee,

The meeting was called to order on the return of the committee, who reported as candidates for election the following list of names as officers for the association,

^{as next page} For President.
* Lieut A. Starkweather

For Vice Presidents
Lieut George A. Reed and Priv C. E. Drew

Secretary
J. F. Upham

Treasurer
Lt. S. P. Blodgett.

Executive Committee

Co. A, Corp. J. B. Wilson	Co. F, Corp. E. H. Soper
" "B," Priv Lewis Hosley	" "G," Corp. Thos. Althaus
" "C," " C. T. Peterson	" "H," " J. F. Alexander
" "D," " H. L. Huckins	" "I," Priv F. L. Wood
" "E," " F. H. Osterman	" "K," " F. M. Balcom

The Report of the committee was accepted.

Lieut. Starkweather declining on account of ill health to serve as President if elected, made a motion which was carried, that Capt. Brady's name be substituted, and that he be re-elected to the office he had so faithfully filled for two years.

Capt. Brady in a few remarks stated that he would wish to decline serving an other year, but by an unanimous vote by the association they refused to accept his declination.

By a vote on a motion by Capt. Houghton, the secretary cast one ballot for the officers as reported by the committee, substituting the name * of Capt James Brady for as President in place of Lieut Starkweather.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to recommend to the meeting a place for the next reunion, The committee consisting of Capt. Houghton, Sergt J. P. Slater, and Lieut A. Starkweather reported that they would recommend Lowell or Boston as the place to hold the reunion in 1884.

A motion was made and seconded to hold the reunion at Boston, but an amendment to hold the same at Lowell being carried it was voted that the 11th Reunion be held at Lowell.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed, who reside at the place of the next reunion, to co-operate with the executive committee in arranging for the same, The committee as appointed were Lieut Chas. H. Richardson, E. L. Davis & Sergt. J. P. Slater.

Voted That the thanks of the association be extended to the Fitchburg Railroad for granting to the association

a free return pass, also to Capt R. O. Houghton for his influence in obtaining the same, and for his earnest effort to make the reunion a success.

Voted, That when the business meeting adjourns, the comrades form line and march to and around the Soldier's monument,

Voted, That the Secretary report at the next reunion the death of any member of the Regiment that he may receive notice of during the year

The following are the names of the comrades present and the company to which they belong,

Co. "A." 7

Lieut. C. H. Richardson	Priv Frank S. Berry
" J. P. Upham	" Chas Kent
Sergh J. P. Slader	" A. Carter
Priv M. L. Bassett	

Co. "B." 19

Capt. R. O. Houghton	Musician John H. Balcom
Lieut. Chas W. Dix	Private A. W. Brown
Com. Sergh. Myron F. Goring	" Gilbert Cook
Sergh. C. C. Caspelle	" W. H. Cross
Corp Orville W. Booth	" Christopher Caspelle
" S. W. Wheeler	" J. D. Fairbanks
" Chas Williams	" Loria Hosley

Co. "B." continued

Private Geo. Hall	Priv. Geo. A. Litchfield
S. W. Griffith	" C. P. Sawtell
Geo. H. Lawrence	

Co. "C." 4

Corp. Horace A. Bennett	Priv. A. Story
Priv. E. J. Peterson	" W. P. Taylor

Co. "D." 2

Corp. M. M. Miller	Priv. E. J. D. Hucksins
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Co. "E." 23.

Col. W. H. Chapman	Priv. C. Pickard
Lieut. Geo. A. Reed	" Cyrus Paige
Corr. Sergt. D. H. Hall	" L. Smith
Corp. S. R. Burroughs	" D. Sheehan
Geo. B. Conant	" Frank H. Stevens
J. W. Loker	" S. F. Teale
Musician J. H. Adams	" E. B. Taft
Priv. E. L. Battles	" J. H. Wood
" C. W. Dascourt	" J. Wayne
" Geo. Flood	
" J. W. Friske	
" E. D. Lathrop	
" James Monroe	
" C. Morse	

Co. "F." 8

Capt. J. A. Troy	Priv. C. Doyle
Corp. Geo. H. Muzzey	" A. L. Gibson
E. H. Soper	" John Turner
Priv. A. Bowman	
" E. Dams	

Co. "G." 3

Capt. James Brady Jr.
Lieut. A. Starkweather

Lieut. J. B. Campbell

Co. "H." 5

Lieut. J. J. Marshall
Sergt. John F. Alexander
Corp. S. Hoyt

Priv. Thomas R. Alexander
" E. F. Cushing

Co. "I" 10

Corp. E. M. Fitzgerald
Priv. Madison Beal
" L. V. Clough
" C. E. Drew
" A. Hyde

Priv. M. A. Lothrop
" M. A. Powers
" B. R. Thomas
" D. E. Worthley
" F. L. Wood

Co. "K." 4

Corp. Frank Young
Priv. Frank M. Balcom

Priv. C. W. Balcom
" W. D. Crane

Whole number 85

Voted to adjourn

Soon after the business meeting adjourned, the comrades formed in two ranks in front of the Hotel, and marched by the tap of the Drum, beat by J. H. Adams, the drummer boy of Co. "E." The route taken was from the Hotel to the Soldiers monument, around which the comrades marched in silence with uncovered heads, honoring those whose names were inscribed upon its face, and who are perhaps filling unknown graves in the far south, or are kindly cared for by the government in some national cemetery, or, it may be, they are quietly sleeping near their northern homes, where

loved ones and comrades, can come there with
 the beautiful flowers of spring,
 on reaching the hotel the comrades entered
 the large dining room and were soon seated,
 and after divine blessing was invoked
 by our venerable comrade Cyrus Paige, waited
 patiently for the supply train to make
 its appearance, reminding the comrades of
 their experience at Harrisburg Va in 1864
 waiting and waiting for rations, but as the
 boys had learned in the army, that pa-
 tiently waiting was one of the cardinal
 virtues of a soldier, they continued waiting
 until they were well supplied from the
 commissary department, that was connected
 with the hotel,

On entering the dining room, it was
 discovered that several of the boys were
 missing, whether they had left the ranks
 on the march, and had been captured by
 the enemy, or were off foraging on their
 own account, it was left with the sec-
 retary to find out, after a little stir-
 mishing he came across one of the
 guides at the hotel, under whose direction
 he got on their trail, and soon found them
 quite busy assisting a number of large
 Schooners which were aground on the bar,
 the secretary was invited to help them,
 but owing to the scarcity of water near
 where they were at work, he was obliged to
 return, arriving in season with the ab-
 sent ones, to partake of the bountiful
 supply of provisions which were being
 distributed,

When the inner man was well satisfied

and the camp fires all lighted, the President called the comrades to order and introduced Mayor Davis of Fitchburg, who was rec'd with applause, he welcomed the comrades to the city, he told them that he was one of the stay at home, but took a great interest in the soldiers at the front, and did all he could for them,

Genl. J. W. Kimball of the 53 Mass Regt was warmly received by the comrades, as he had served in the Gulf. Dept, and knew well the 26th Regt.

Col. E. P. Loring of the 13th Maine Regt also State Senator was the next speaker, his remarks was well rec'd, in closing he alluded to a certain pet pig which had belonged to the 26th Regt at Fort Phillips, and which he said Capt. Houghton could tell more about,

Capt. Houghton on being called on to explain, arose and said, that as the Regt were getting ready to go to the city, having been relieved by the 13th Maine, the boys thought they would take with them their pet pig, but during the chase they were called upon to stop by some one who seemed to be a citizen, as he had on a long droster and had a green umbrella under his arm, one of the boys challenged him, perhaps not according to regulations, but in language that brought such a reply, that they concluded that they would not take the pig to the city, especially in the

presence of Genl. Neal Dow who had answered their challenge, and who had come to take command at the forts, the society could not understand how it was, that Co. "B" could keep a pet pig so long, although Co. "A" (the model Co.) had had pigs in its quarters at different times, but they were not pets, although they were always dressed, and kept well out of sight.

Ex. Mayor Merriam of Fitchburg was next called upon, who said, although not serving in the field, he had something to do with the war, as he was the Provost Marshall of the 9th Mass district, and sent about 300 men per week to the front, the comrades seemed to enjoy his remarks very much, no doubt they felt easier in the presence of a Provost Marshall at home, than one in the field,

The next speaker was Lieut. C. H. Richardson whose remarks are always welcome at our reunions, as they are so well seasoned with the spice that few can command, and although his words may not always be golden, or he may not have the silver tongue of a Phillips, yet the secretary has not forgotten the notes that came with his address, that could be exchanged for either gold or silver, in closing, he gave quite an interesting account of his experience as he was leaving for the war, in parting with 27 lady friends, he doubtless felt on account of his height, that the

chances were two to one against him, of ever seeing them again, it must have been quite embarrassing for him, as he passed down the long line, to be saluted by each, but, being then in the military service, regulation required that he should return the same, which he informed us, he did,

Chief of Police Whitney was next called upon, who said he was at a disadvantage, as he had not been a soldier, although he had sent a substitute, who had served faithfully, in closing he said that it had been stated that the soldier would not make a good citizen, but he would reply, that he had a dozen men under him, and they had all been soldiers but one, and that he did not want for better men than they were.

On an excursion in September to the Shenandoah Valley, the following members of the 26th Regt. had the pleasure of making the trip, Capt James Brady Jr., Lieut Geo. A. Read, Sergt. D. H. Hall, A. Bowman, S. W. Wheeler, L. Hosley, F. H. Stevens and Frank Berry, one of their number Sergt. Hall, being called upon, gave quite an interesting account of the excursion, which was organized by the 74th S. H. Regt and who invited all others who had served in the Shenandoah Valley under Sheridan to join them, he told of the war

reception at Harpers Ferry, Winchester and Harrisonburg by the citizens and the ex-confederate soldiers, who gave them a royal welcome, he told of the many places of interest that were visited, of the placing by members of the 26th Regt. of a marking stone or board, in advance of any others, to designate the place reached in the charge at the battle of "Winchester" or "Opequan" which was so fatal to the 26th Regt. he told also of the camp fire held on the battle field then, and also at Cedar Creek. The many incidents he related made me feel that I had missed one of the great events of a life time, for as it is interested in the near future, to have an other excursion, no doubt many will avail themselves of the privilege of going.

While Comrade Hall was speaking the President (Capt. Brady) was obliged to leave, to take the train for home, he called on Lt. Richardson to take his place at the head of the table, after comrade Hall closed his remarks, the company retired from the dining room to the parlor, and after covering to order, letters of regret were read by the secretary from Col. Jones, Capt. Baugh, and others, he read also many amusing extracts from comrades present in their reply to notices of the reunion sent them by the secretary.

Brief remarks were made by Col. Chapman, Comrade A. Bowman, chief of

the Brookline Police, and also from our
 Veterans Cyrus Paige, the comrades
 then joined hands and united in
 singing Auld Lang Syne, John Brown
 and Marching through Georgia, at the
 close of which the formal exercises
 were over, and by mutual consent
 the reunion was brought to a close,
 The comrades who did not reside at
 Fitchburg went to the depot, and en-
 tering the cars, were soon enjoying a
 free ride home,

James F. Upham
 Secretary

Report of the 11th Annual Reunion of the 26th Regimental Association held at the American House Lowell Mass Oct 8/84

The meeting for business was held in one of the Rooms of the Hotel and was called to order at 11 o'clock by the President, Capt. James Brady Jr.

The Report of the 10th Reunion held at Fitchburg in 1883 was read and accepted,

The Treasurer Lieut Blodgett being absent, the secy, read his report, which was accepted,

The Secretary reported the death of W^m H. Gross Co. B, who died at Lawrence Jan. 11th 1884 of pneumonia also the death of J. F. Bartoll of the same Co. Mich 15th 1884 of consumption,

Voted, - that a Committee of 3 be appointed by the chair to draft a set of Resolutions and to send a copy of same to each family of our deceased comrades, the Committee so appointed, consisted of C. E. Drew Co. D Capt R O. Houghton Co. B and Lieut C. H. Richardson Co. "A"

The election of officers for the ensuing year, being the next business in order, it was Voted that a committee of one from each company

be appointed by the chair, and that they return and make up a list of officers to be balloted for, and report the same to the meeting,

The committee as appointed were as follows,

Co.	"A"	Corp.	J. B. Wilson
"	"B"	"	G. A. Adams
"	"C"	Priv.	J. S. Hunt
"	"D"	Corp.	J. F. Lloyd
"	"E"	Sergh.	D. H. Hall
"	"F"	Capt.	J. A. Troy
"	"G"	Lieut.	J. B. Campbell
"	"H"	Sergh.	Geo. W. Frost
"	"I"	Priv.	L. O. Delough
"	"K"	"	F. M. Balcom

Voted, - to take a recess during the absence of the committee,

On the return of the committee they reported the following names

For President
Lieut. G. H. Richardson

Vice Presidents
Lieut. A. Starkweather and Alonzo Brown

Secretary
James W. Upham

Treasurer
Sergh. D. H. Hall

Executive Committee

Co. "A."	Sergh. J. F. Slater
" "B."	Priv. Gilbert Cook
" "C."	" J. S. Hunt
" "D."	Corp. J. F. Cloyd
" "E."	Priv. Geo. Flood
" "F."	Capt. J. A. Troy
" "G."	Lieut. J. B. Cambell
" "H."	Sergh. James R. Fulton
" "I."	Priv. C. E. Drew
" "K."	" O. M. Balcom.

Voted that the Report be accepted,

Voted that the Secretary cast one ballot containing the names as presented.

After the ballot was taken the Chair declared that the above list of officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Voted that a committee of 3 be appointed by the chair to report a place for the next Reunion to be held in 1885

Capt. R. O. Houghton, Sergh. D. H. Hall and Lieut. A. Starkweather being appointed, they recommended unanimously Fall River as the place of the next Reunion, which was accepted and adopted.

Voted that a committee of 3 who reside at Fall River be appointed to co-operate with the Executive Committee in arranging for the Reunion.

Voted, that the committee be nominated

from the floor,

The committee as nominated consisted of Capt James Brady Jr - Corp, Joseph Hamson and Sergt, Thomas Altham,

The 18th of October 1885 falling on a Sunday, it was Voted, that the 12th Reunion be held on Saturday Oct. 17th

The Secretary stating to the meeting that it was desirous that the 26th Regt be fully represented at an excursion to the Shenandoah Valley in Sept 1885 by the Sheridan Veterans, it was Voted that Lieut Gen. A. Reed be appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the Sheridan Veteran Association,

Voted, that a committee of 5 be appointed to co-operate with Lieut Reed in making arrangements for the excursion, the Committee were as follows.

Lieut. Gen. A. Richardson
 Capt. James A. Brady
 Priv. Alonzo Brown
 Sergt. D. H. Hall
 Priv. Frank H. Stearns

The Roll being called it was found that the following comrades were present

Co. "A." 13

Capt. Geo. M. Dickerman	Priv. Samuel G. Arctur
Lt. J. F. Upham	" M. L. Bassett
" C. H. Richardson	" Frank S. Berry
" Chas. F. Emerson	" Chas. Kent
Sergt. J. F. Stator	" Isaac Peabody
Capt. J. B. Wilson	" Chas. C. Packard
	" Fred E. Sprague

Co. "B", 14.

Capt. R. O. Houghton
 Sergt. C. C. Caspelle
 Corp. Geo. A. Adams
 " S. M. Wheeler
 Priv. A. B. Brown
 " Gilbert Cook
 " Caspelle.

Comm. Sergt. M. F. Young
 Priv. E. L. Davis
 " J. D. Fairbanks
 " S. W. Griffith
 " Loring Hosley
 " Noah J. Wallton
 " Chas. P. Sartell

Co. "C", 7

Sergt. W. ^m Brackett
 Musician A. E. Story
 Priv. Horace A. Bennett
 " Joseph S. Hunt

Priv. John McQuinn
 " E. T. Peterson
 " W. P. Taylor

Co. "D", 1

Corp. John F. Lloyd.

Co. "E", 20

Lieut. Col. A. Reed
 Comm. Sergt. D. H. Hall
 Corp. J. W. Loker
 " Geo. L. Sanborn
 Priv. C. A. Brooks
 " Ken Flood
 " James McFiske
 " W. ^m S. Handley
 " Geo. Handley
 " Emory D. Lothrop

Priv. A. J. Lampson
 " James J. Litchfield
 " Cyrus P. Dickand
 " Cyrus Paige
 " L. Smith
 " Dennis Sheehan
 " Frank H. Stevens
 " Edwin B. Taft
 " Everett Wheeler
 " John Wayne

Co. "F", 7

Capt. James A. Troy
 Sergt. Amos L. Jones
 Corp. Timothy P. Barnes
 Priv. Alanzo Bowman

Priv. Edmund Dane
 " A. L. Gilson
 " John Turner

Co. "G" 4.
 Capt James A. Brindy for Lieut J. B. Campbell
 Lieut A. Starkweather Corp Gen. England

Co. "H" 6.
 Sergt John F. Alexander Priv. Edwin F. Bushing
 Sergt Geo. W. Frost " Walter M. Fulton
 " James R. Fulton " Freeman Hutchins

Co. "I" 5
 Corp, L. V. Clough Priv. M. A. Lothrop
 Priv. C. E. Drew " D. E. Worthley
 " Fr. L. Wood

Co. "K" 2
 Priv. Frank M. Balcom Priv. Oliver M. Balcom

Whole number 79

Lieut. C. H. Richardson announced to the ^{meeting} that arrangements had been made to visit Camp Chase and that the special care which had been provided for without any expense to the comrades was then due, on motion of one of the comrades it was Voted unanimously that we tender the thanks of the association to Lieut Richardson and Frank Berry for furnishing free transportation to and from Camp Chase.

Then being no other business to come before the meeting it was Voted to adjourn.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Business meeting, the comrades

instead of marching as they would have done 23 years before, took the modern conveyance, called Horse Cars, and after a few moments ride were landed at the entrance of Camp Chase, or as now called the Agricultural Fair Grounds. The boys were more enthusiastic to get inside the Gate than they were when it was the camp of the Regiment in 1861, for they well knew that at that time, when once inside the enclosure, there was no getting out without a pass, unless they followed the example of a famous Regiment, and Connected it over the fence.

The comrades engaged themselves very much wandering around the place which had once been so familiar, some were found gazing intently, (as though they had been there) towards the place where some of the boys, elevated on the top of a barrel, obtained an excellent view of Camp, and the beautiful evening Drums parade, or perhaps they were inside the barrel, with their head protruding from an opening at the top.

Others were trying to find the exact spot where the cooks tent was located, when they had so often stood in line waiting for their turn to be served, and one of Co. "A" boys (so it was said) thought he had found a remnant of Huggins' Wash. Some of the comrades were taking an observation of the fence, which ran along in the rear of camp to see if they could discern the large burned opening that was so visible the morning the Regiment

left camp, while others searching on the parade ground, were supposed to be looking for the heaps of ashes from the large bon-fires made from straw and boards during the last night in camp.

We could almost see, in looking across the field the long rows of tall Gibley tents, which had been the home of the boys, during the weeks they were in camp preparing for the great conflict, or the awkward squads could be seen here and there, as they were being taught their first lesson in drill, and learning for the first time that the right foot was not the left, and that right dress, did not mean left dress, also the long Regimental line with full ranks, a thousand strong, in its new uniform and with bright muskets could be seen, as they marched off the parade ground for the last time, to fill up the long train of 16 cars which was to take them to Boston and thence by steamer to the sunny South.

As the panorama of the past continued to unroll itself from memory, a short train could be seen in Boston on a dark stormy evening in Sept. 1865 as it rolled into the depot of the Old Colony Railroad bearing home a little over 300 Veterans, the remnant of the once full Regiment.

As the time was limited the boys could not make a full survey of the field, but reluctantly left the enchanted ground, and took the horse cars for the city, regretting that the committee could not

have fully carried out the plan they had, of holding the Reunion on the old Camp Ground.

The comrades when they arrived at the Hotel some fell into line, joined by those who had not enjoyed the treat at Camp Chase, and headed by Capt. Brady and invited guests, 85 in all, marched into the large dining room, and were soon seated around the long well filled tables.

After divine blessing was invoked by the Rev. Smith Baker of Lowell, the boys commenced filling up their haversacks, when they stood away about four days Ration.

When the ammunition had been distributed, one round to each, firing at will was commenced on all sides, in the midst of which, through the smoke, could be seen the form of Capt. Brady, and could also be heard his familiar voice, calling attention, but, no order to cease firing.

He then introduced the Rev. J. L. Seward, who made an eloquent speech, his remarks on the war, and its result on the laboring question, and protection, brought out loud applause from the comrades.

Maj. Chas. A. Stott of the old Sixth Reg't was well received, and having been in the war, he had the sympathy of all present, he told some amusing incidents, which were well appreciated by the boys.

Col. Chas. H. Allen a member of Gov. Robinsons Staff, was the next speaker, although so young to go to war, yet his interest had always been with the soldiers, he paid a glowing tribute to the valor of the Massachusetts Soldiers in the field.

Capt. J. P. Mayfield was next introduced, he has joined us in our reunions once or twice before, and having served on Ship Island and the Gulf Dept. his remarks were fully appreciated.

Our Reunions would not be complete without hearing from our old Veteran Cyrus Paige, Sr. "E." and when he was called for, the boys were all attention, his words were well chosen, and the reminiscences of the past, which he brought up, and which happened long before many of us were born, made me almost wish he had come upon the stage one generation earlier, his light was still burning brightly and we trust may long continue so, and that he may be able to attend many more of our Reunions in the future.

Quite an interesting letter was read by the Secretary from Corporal Benj. Ford of Co. "B" stating that the flag of our Regiment which was lost at the Battle of Winchester or Opequan, was captured by the 26th Ga. Regiment, that while he was wounded and a prisoner in the hands of the enemy, and while lying on the ground, the flag was carried past him in possession of a squad of the above named Regt, two of the ~~of the~~ Comrades have endeavored by correspondence to trace the flag, after it was seen by Corp Ford, but without success, although further efforts will be made through officers of the 26th Ga. Regt, and it is hoped it may be found and

returned to the Regiment at some future day.

Letters from Genl. Badger, Capt. Cooke and others regretting their absence from the Reunion, was read by the secretary.

After a few Remarks by Lieut and ex. Alderman Richardson who had been called to preside by Capt. Brady, who was obliged to go, the Reunion was brought to a close.

James F. Upham
Secretary

Report of the 12th Annual Reunion of
the 26th Regiment Association held at
Fall River Saturday Oct 17th 1886

The Meeting for Business was held
in the G. A. R. Hall and was called to
order at 11 o'clock by Lieut C. H. Richardson
the President of the Association.

The Report of the Secretary was read
and accepted.

The Report of the Treasurer George D. H. Hall
was read and accepted.

The Committee consisting of Priv.
C. E. Drew, Capt R. O. Houghton and Lieut
C. H. Richardson, who were appointed at our
last Reunion to draft a set of Resolutions
and send copy of same to the families
of our late Comrades Wm B. Cross
Co. "B". Report as follows,

Boston Dec. 30th 1884

Whereas it has pleased an Almighty
and Divine Providence to remove by death
our late Comrade, in memory of his many
Virtues, be it therefore

Resolved, that we the members of the
Veteran Association, extend our sincere and
heartly Sympathy to the widow of our de-
ceased Comrade, trusting that the loss
will be lightened in some measure by
the sympathy and goodwill of his sur-
viving Comrades.

Resolved, That as we have ming-
led in friendly relations, both in
Active service in defense of the Union

and in happy companionship in time of peace, we will earnestly strive to emulate his many virtues and manly qualities, until we have passed from earthly scenes, and this mortal hath part in immortality.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the widow of our late comrade as a lasting token of our respect and esteem.

(signed) C. E. Drew

R. O. Houghton

Chas. H. Richardson

Com. on Resolutions

The same Committee were appointed to draft Resolutions and send copy of same to the family of our late comrade J. F. Sartell Co. B. They Report as follows.

Boston Dec 31 1884

Whereas it has pleased an almighty and Deceitful Providence to remove by death our comrade, in memory of his many virtues, be it therefore

Resolved, That we the members of the Veteran Association, extend our hearty and sincere sympathy to the sorrowing Parents and Brother of our late Comrade, hoping that He, who sympatheth all hearts will comfort them in this deep affliction.

Resolved, That as our comrade moved among us and we observed his general and manly character during our countries peril and subsequent Victory, and as he has exchanged this earthly life for that which is spiritual.

Resolved, That the recollections of our

deceased comrades shall serve to cheer us in our mutual ties, and strengthen the band of union between us,

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the family of our deceased Comrade as a small tribute of respect to his memory,

(Signed: Clarence E. Drew
R. O. Houghton
Chas. H. Richardson
Committee on Resolutions.

The Secretary reported the death of Sergt E. A. Nickerson Co "F," who died at Amherst Mass Aug 15 "1885 of Paralysis,

Also of Private Henry Vatter Co "I" who died at Lawrence Mass Feb 11 "1885 of Rheumatism of the heart,

Voted That a committee of two be nominated from each Company of which the deceased were members, to draft a set of Resolutions and send copies of same to the families of each of our late comrades, Capt Thomas H. Armable and Private Cornelius Doyle of Co "F" were nominated to draft a set of Resolutions relating to our late Comrade Sergt E. A. Nickerson of same Company.

Privates Clarence E. Drew and Madison Beal of Co "I" were nominated to draft a set of Resolutions relating to our late Comrade Private Henry Vatter of same Company.

The secretary also reported the death of Genl. John W. Phelps who died at Guilford Vt. Feb. 2^d 1885, of Genl. Godfrey Weitzel who died at Phila. Pa. Mch 19th 1884 also the death of Genl. Guvier Grier at Atlantic City N.J. June 6th 1885.

Lieut Richardson the President of the Association reported that the flag which was lost at the Battle of Winchester or Opequan and which was captured by the 26th Va. Regt. was without much doubt destroyed, it had been in charge of Maj. Bruce, and was with the baggage train, which was captured and partially burned on the retreat of the Confederate Army from Richmond in April 1865, the chairman stated that he had corresponded with officials at Washington and no tidings of the lost flag was had there,

The election of officers for the ensuing year, being the next business in order his was Voted that a Committee of one from each company be appointed and that they retire and Report a list of names for officers to be balloted for,

The Committee were as follows

Co. "A" Sergt. J. F. Slater	Co. "F" Capt. Thomas H. Annable
" " "B" Priv. E. L. Davis	" " "G" Lieut. A. Starkweather
" " "C" Corp. C. Porcheran	" " "H" Priv. E. Cushing
" " "D" Capt. R. D. Houghton	" " "I" " Madison Beal
" " "E" Priv. Frank H. Stern	" " "K" " Frank M. Balcom

On the return of the committee they recommended that the old board of officers be balloted for to serve for an other year,

Voted, To accept the Report of the committee,

Voted, That the Secretary deposit a ballot containing the names of the old board of officers, after the ballot had been cast the chair announced the election of the old board of officers as follows

President

Lieut. C. H. Richardson

Vice Presidents

Lieut. A. Startweather and Alonzo Bowman

Secretary

James F. Upham

Treasurer

Com. Hugh D. H. Wall

Executive Committee

Co. "A." Sergt. J. H. Slater

" "B." Priv. Gilbert Cook

" "C." " J. S. Hunt

" "D." Corp. J. F. Lloyd

" "E." Priv. Geo. Flood

Co. "F." Capt. James F. Troy

" "G." Lieut. J. B. Campbell

" "H." Sergt. James K. Fulton

" "I." Priv. C. E. Drew

" "K." " O. W. Balcom

Voted, That one from each company be appointed to Report the name of a place for the Reunion in 1886,

Voted, That the same committee who served in making the list of officers, serve on this committee,

Voted, That a recess be taken during

the absence of the committee,

The meeting was called to order on the return of the committee, who reported 8 to 2 in favor of holding the next Reunion at South Birmingham, Voted, To accept and adopt their Report.

The Roll being called the following Comrades were found to be present

Co. "A." 5
 Lieut. O. W. Dickerman
 " J. T. Upham
 " C. H. Richardson
 Sergh J. T. Slater
 Priv. Chas. Kent

Co. "B." 10.
 Captn E. Canfy
 " R. C. Houghton
 Sergh Myron T. Hoing
 Corp. Geo. A. Adams
 " O. W. Booth
 " Chas. Williams
 Priv. A. B. Brown
 " E. L. Davis
 " Lorin Hosley
 " Wm. Hunt

Co. "C." 4
 Corp. Rufus M. Bowdin
 " C. E. Porcheran
 Priv. James L. Howard
 " Joseph S. Hunt

Co. "E." 7
 Sergh, Sergh D. Hall
 Priv. Geo. Flood
 " James W. Fiske
 " L. Smith
 " Frank H. Stevens
 " Lincoln E. Wheeler
 " Addison B. Wheeler

Co. "F." 4
 Corp. Thomas H. Annable
 Priv. Alonzo Bowman
 " Rufus Dane
 " Cornelius Doyle

Co. "G." 12
 Captn James Brady Jr.
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Sergh. Thomas Althorn
 " Chas. P. Hoar
 " Richard Whitehead
 Corp J. C. Southen
 " Geo. England
 " Joseph Harrison

Co. "G," continued

Priv. Patrick Hogan
 " Eber A. Ray
 " Thomas Tierney
 " Robt. Teele.

Co. "H," 2

Priv. Edwin F. Cushing
 " Walter M. Fulton

Co. "K," 7

Lieut. John T. Robinson
 Corp. Spaulding H. Abbott
 " Wm. K. Ingraham
 " Frank Young
 Priv. Frank M. Balcom
 " John Kennedy
 " Daniel S. Varlyhn

Total 57

Co. "J," 6

Priv. Madison Beal
 " L. V. Clough
 " C. E. Drew
 " M. A. Lathrop
 " D. E. Worthley
 " Chas. W. Warren

Voted That the thanks of the Association be sent to Post 46 G. A. R. for the use of their Hall, which they so kindly invited us to occupy.

Voted, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Old Colony Railroad for their liberality in granting free Return passes on their Road.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to Capt James Brady Jr for his untiring efforts to make the Reunion a success, and for obtaining from the old Colony R.R. free Return passes.

After Remarks from several comrades who related some very interesting and amusing incidents about our late

commander Genl. Phelps, while on Ship Island, the business meeting adjourned

About 1 o'clock the Comrades assembled at the Wilbour House when rations were to be issued, and at quarter past one marched into the large dining room and were soon seated around the tables which were heavily loaded with the good things from the Commissary department.

After divine blessing was invoked the boys needed no invitation to help themselves, and the waiters were kept quite busy in keeping the supply train moving.

When the inner man was satisfied the President of the association called the Comrades to order, and congratulated them on being so large a number present, he said the time was not far distant when the last survivor of the Regiment would have to eat his anniversary dinner alone, he called attention to the death since our last Reunion of our great Commander Genl. Grant. — Continuing his remarks he spoke of the wonderful growth of the City of Fall River but he said that when the attention of the Members of the 26th Regiment was called to this city, they did not have in mind the great city of spindles; but of our gallant comrade Capt Brady which allusion was responded to by loud applause by the boys, he then introduced the

Hon. Andrew J. Jennings, a member of the City government, who made a rousing speech, which was well received by the Crusader, he said that during the war, he belonged to the home guard, but that he was not a very large home guard, which remark, from his youthful appearance, caused much laughter and applause, in illustrating part of his remarks, he related part of Longfellow's poem about Hiawatha, which must have been appreciated by those who had read it, but to those who had not (including the secretary) could not make the comparison exactly, but as the boys applauded when he was through, of course the secretary joined in with the rest and made up in noise, what he lacked in something else,

The Rev. Dr. Mix of the Central Church was the next Speaker, he was full of patriotism, and gave great credit to the boys in blue in saving the country, and placing it in the lead of all nations, he said that it had been the regret of his life, that he had not gone into the Army, not as a chaplain, but into the ranks, his remarks were well received and were well applauded when through.

The Hon. Robt T. Davis a member of Congress was next called upon, he said "I cannot without preparation do justice to you and this occasion, I thought that at least I would come here and testify by my presence my sympathy with you. It carries my mind back to the time, a quarter of a century ago, when this man

copied Mr. Davis's
speech from a
all Rivin/paper
J. S. Upham
Secretary.

here (placing his hand on Capt. Brady's
 shoulder) came back riddled with shot
 and proved that he was worthy to fight
 for his country. Your history is the history
 of many others, of the Regiments and
 Corps which made up that great army,
 which this country has honored and will
 honor forever. I feel oppressed by the
~~to the~~ host of memories and associations
 at this moment, and the thought of the
 principles for which you victoriously
 contended. We saw slavery like a black
 cloud obliterating every ray almost of
 our future. At last these men dared to
 strike a blow at the existence of our union.
 Then the spirit was aroused and then fol-
 lowed the rapid enlistment of so many
 hundred thousands of men, the history of
 those next four years was by far the most
 important exemplification of human destiny
 that the world has ever witnessed.

The revolution was fought by a small
 handful of men, and that within three
 generations we have grown to sixty millions,
 and at the beginning of another century
 we will number a hundred millions. We can
 hardly realize the great possibilities before
 us. We are far in advance of all other
 nations in development. We are a composite
 race, but what race is there like the American
 race today. We are exerting a wonderful in-
 fluence on Europe. France would not have a
 republican form of government to-day were
 it not for the influence of this country. The
 time is not far distant when Great Britain,
 too, will have a popular Government. De Tocqueville

said that while our form of government was secure against all attacks from without, its weakness was within itself, as the nation depended upon the integrity of the states, He was settled the fact that the sentiment of national patriotism overcame all other sentiments, ^{certainly} A class of Englishmen hoped that we would fall, the laborers of England sympathized with us, but there was a class which feared the influence which this nation was exerting in favor of popular government, and would have been thankful if our nation had been sent in the fray, Now, England has been compelled to extend the franchise, That is what is the matter, it is why this government has been so steadily depreciated by foreigners, They fear the light which is shedding its rays over the world, that is among our attainments, It is what you, gentlemen, accomplished when you went to war and came home victors, We are too near the great struggle to realize the full importance of its results. When we can measure the possibilities of our nation, we can measure the greatness of your achievements. In conclusion, Dr Davis said he hoped they would continue to hold their annual reunions, and that the time would come when the country would give to them the full measure of its gratitude."

The President then called, one whom you all know, Was a hero at Winchester, a long time ago, While leading his soldiers, through wood and through field, Up to the cannon's mouth, and then would not yield, Till shattered and bleeding, by shell and by shot, Which was then, falling thickly, around that hallowed spot, Then comrades bore him gently, back to the old grist mill, When death was grinding slowly, through wheel and stone ^{still}.

But our hero lives to day - thanks to a kind Protector
 His name is Capt Brady, of Fall River, the Collector.

The next Speaker was Comrade L. V. Blough
 Co. "I" he being one of the members of the
 Regiment who went on the 2^d Excursion
 to the Shenandoah Valley in September, he
 gave quite an interesting account of the
 trip, he said that he met on the journey
 Genl McMillan and in conversation with
 him, the Genl, said that he was glad to
 pay the 26th Mass Regt, a compliment,
 he said that at the Battle of Cedar Creek
 he met a Company of 40 men, who told
 him they were without a commander,
 that their term of enlistment had expired
 but they did not want to leave the field
 while the battle was going on, and that if
 he would assign them a place in line,
 they would do what they could, he said
 that he assigned them a place and watched
 them fight bravely through the battle He
 did not know but there were other Regiments
 in the United States who did like that, but
 he had never heard of it,

After the reading of a letter by the
 Secretary from Genl C. F. Jones regretting
 that he was unable to be present, the
 Reunion was brought to a close,

James F. Appham
 Secretary

Report of the 13th Annual Reunion of the
26th Mass. Regt. Association held at South
Frammingham Oct. 18th 1886.

The meeting for business was held in
Spring Hall, which is occupied by Post 163
G. A. R. and which was kindly placed at
the disposal of the association during its
Reunion.

The President Lieut C. H. Richardson being
absent the meeting was called to order at 11.15
o'clock by Lieut A. Starkweather the first Vice
President of the association

The Report of the Secretary was read
and accepted,

The Report of the Treasurer Sergt. D. H. Hall
was also read and accepted

The Committee appointed at our last reunion
consisting of Capt Thomas H. Annable and
Priv Charles Doyle Co. F who were to draft
Resolutions relative to the death of our late
comrade Sergt E. N. Vickerson of same com-
pany, reported the following, which was read
by Capt Annable

Resolutions

Head Quarters 26th Regiment Veteran
Association

Fall River Oct 17th 1888

This Association has learned with deep
regret of the death of our late comrade
Sergeant E. N. Vickerson Co. F. 26th Regi-
ment Mass. Vols, and being desirous of

bearing testimony to his worth, and of showing respect for his memory, have caused the following Resolutions to be spread upon the records, and a copy thereof sent to the family of our deceased comrade.

Resolved - That in the death of comrade E. M. Vickerson, this Association is called upon to part with one who was ever loyal to his Country, faithful to his friends, and above all true to himself, no greater praise than this can any man have.

To those who were nearer and dearer to him we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of great affliction, bidding them remember that they are ever in the hands of him "who doeth all things well."

For the Association
J. H. Annable } committee on
Resolutions

The committee consisting of C. E. Drew and Madison Beal Esq. who were also appointed at the last Reunion to draft Resolutions relative to the death of our late comrade Priv Henry Vatter. Report as follows, which was read by C. E. Drew

Resolutions

Boston Nov 6th 1885
At a meeting of the 26th Mass. Veteran Association held at Fall River Oct. 17th 1885 a committee was appointed to draft Resolutions on the death of comrade

Henry Vatter private Co. "D" 26th Mass,
Volunteers, be it therefore

Resolved, That it has pleased an over ruling
power to remove from our midst our gentle
and beloved comrade Henry Vatter, that we
have lost a true friend and a good soldier

Resolved, That as we journey along
through this great world of strife and
contention, we will strive to emulate his
many virtues and manly qualities, that
we may all meet again on that grand
camping ground above, when there is no war
and no enemies but all of one grand and
united family of brothers and sisters,

Resolved That we extend our most heart-
felt and deepest sympathy to the widow
and family of the deceased, hoping
that He who knoweth and see. all things
will watch over them kindly and guide
them rightly in this their greatest hour of
trouble and deep affliction,

Resolved, That a copy of these Res-
olutions be sent to the widow of the
late Henry Vatter as a lasting token
of our love, friendship and esteem for a
comrade who was a brave and true soldier
in the time of his Country's greatest
conflict and a good citizen in the time
of peace,

Committee { Clarence E. Drew
 { Madison Beal

The death of the following members of the Regiment who have died during the year were reported

Priv J. D. Fairbanks	Co "B"
" Francis McGuire	" "F"
Sergh W. A. Huntington	" "I"
Corp. H. L. Crafts	" "A"

Voted that a committee of two from each company to which our late comrades belonged be appointed to draft Resolutions, and send Copy of same to nearest Relative, and report at our next Reunion.

Voted That the Committee be appointed by the Chair.

The next business in order being the election of officers, it was

Voted, That a committee of one from each company be appointed, and that they retire and make up a list of officers, and report the same to the meeting for action.

Voted, - that the chair appoint the committee. The committee as appointed were as follows

Co. "A," Priv F. E. Sprague	Co. "F," Capt. J. A. Troy
" "B," " J. H. Bakorn	" "G," Priv. P. Hogan
" "C," " E. T. Peterson	" "H," " Walter M. Fuller
" "D," " E. J. DeBrockin	" "I," " L. E. Drew
" "E," Col. W. H. Chapman	" "K," " F. M. Balcom

The committee retired and after a short consultation returned and reported a list of officers to be balloted for

Co. "B" continued
 Corp. S. M. Wheeler
 " Chas. Williams.
 Mus. John H. Balcom
 Priv. A. B. Brown
 " Gilbert Cook
 " E. Capelle
 " S. W. Griffith
 " Loring Hosley
 " Wm. Hunt
 " Benj. W. Parker
 " Chas. P. Sartell
 " Otis Sartell

Co. "C" 6
 Sergt. Wm. Brackett
 Corp. R. C. Jenkins
 Priv. Richard Allen
 " E. T. Peterson
 " John A. Riley
 " E. A. Newton

Co. "D," 3
 Priv. E. J. D. Hunkins
 " Chas. D. Wells
 " Geo. W. Graves

Co. "E," 24
 Capt. W. H. Chapman
 Lieut. Geo. A. Read
 Corn. Sergt. D. H. Hall
 Sergt. Chas. M. Parkhurst
 Corp. Saml. Burroughs
 " J. M. Loker
 Priv. E. A. Brooks
 " Chas. W. Dacon
 " Robt. Fletcher
 " Geo. Flood

Co. "E" continued
 Priv. E. W. Fletcher
 " Wm. S. Handley
 " Emory D. Lathrop
 " A. J. Lampson
 " Chas. Moore
 " Cyrus P. Dickard
 " Cyrus Paige
 " L. Smith
 " Edwin B. Taft
 " Samuel Whitney
 " John Wayne
 " Addison B. Wheeler
 " Geo. Sawyer
 " Henry E. Pease

Co. "F," 10
 Capt. Thomas H. Annable
 " James A. Fry
 " L. J. Keyser
 Lieut. Geo. E. Yerrington
 Sergt. Thomas D. Parrish
 " Geo. H. Muzzey
 Priv. Alonzo Barnum
 " Charles Doyle
 " Elmer Dane
 " Geo. Ingerson

Co. "G," 5
 Capt. James Brady Jr.
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Corp. J. Crouther
 " Patrick Hogan
 Priv. Robt. Peters

Co. "H" 8
 Lieut. E. S. Hay
 Sergh J. F. Alexander
 " Geo. W. Frost
 Priv. E. F. Buckley
 " Walter M. Walton
 " Fireman Hutchins
 " Jacob Nelson
 " Geo. Dole

Co. "K" 10
 Sergh M. M. Stebbins
 Corp. Spaulding H. Abbott
 " Geo. E. Cole
 " Wm K. Ingraham
 " Henry D. Potter
 " Frank Young
 Priv. F. M. Balcom
 " Frederick Boston
 " F. A. Wordell

Co. "I" 9
 Lieut E. M. Swan
 Corp. Joseph J. G. Ball
 " E. M. Fitzgerald
 Priv. Madison Beal
 " L. V. Clough
 " E. E. Drew
 " Alfred Hyde
 " M. A. Lothrop
 " Chas. W. Warren

Total 97

A Vote of thanks was passed to Lieut Gen. A. Reed for his assistance in arranging for the Reunion, also to comrade Gilbert Cook of the Executive Committee for his efforts in arranging for the same, he being the only member of the committee who reported at South Frammingham in response to a notice from the secretary.

Voted that the thanks of the association be extended to post 163 for their kindness in tendering the use of their Hall during the Reunion.

The following named comrades were appointed to draft Resolutions relative to our deceased comrades whose death

had been reported to the meeting,

Capt R. O. Houghton and Lorin Kosky
Co. "B" on Resolutions relating to J. D. Fair-
banks same Co.

Capt L. J. Keyser and Capt. J. A. Troy
Co. "F" Relative to Francis Maguin of same Co.

Lieut Chas. M. Swain and L. V. Blough Co. "D"
on Sergt M. A. Huntington same Co.

There being no other business to
come before the meeting it was
Voted to adjourn

Immediately after the Business
meeting, the comrades adjourned to
the O. B. House and were soon seated
around the three long tables in the
large Dining Room, but it was evident
that landlord Brooke had reckoned
without his guests, as there were quite
a number that could not find seats,
it was soon arranged by placing a
short table in sight of, and near the
supply department, and being in easy
communication with the waiters, those
who sat at that table, including the
secretary, did not want for the good
things that were in transit to the
aforesaid long tables or that came direct,
experience teaches that whether in the
army or elsewhere it is good policy to
pitch your tent near the cook house and be
on intimate terms with the company cooks or
waiters

When cigars had been reached, President Reed rapped the company to order. He thanked his friends for the honor conferred on him at the business meeting, and said he should try to look well to the interests of the association. He alluded to the pleasure of meeting old comrades after the lapse of years, and as he wished to hear from them all, would bring his own remarks to a speedy close. First, however he would introduce some of his guests, who had not been obliged to retire.

COMRADE CHAS. H. FULLER *263* said speechmaking was out of his line of business, but he had been much interested in the exercises of the day and bid the visitors a hearty welcome to Framingham, promising that if all was well, their visit here next year should be a pleasant one.

REV. W. W. HAYWARD extended cordial greeting and was glad of the privilege to stand among these veterans, as it was also his privilege to stand with others in the army. He remembered that the little less than a hundred who were present represented 1200 or 1300. Where are the rest? What is more hearty to-day than a soldier's welcome? You have drank from the same canteen and shared the last crust together. It is a soldier's privilege to grumble, but did you ever know a soldier to grumble at going into action, or at sacrificing his life even in such a holy cause? But those dark days are past and now Peace, sweet Peace is with us. In conclusion I hope you will all come here again next year, for there are no truer hearts than here.

CAPTAIN CYRUS PAGE *65* of Bedford, an old captain in the militia in anti-bellum days, and who was company cook in the 26th, was then introduced. Capt. *65* who is the oldest member of the association, being over 80 years of age, soon gave evidence that he still retained the fire of other days, and his remarks excited his hearers to roars of laughter. He said "Whenever we see our old comrades, we expect to see a jolly set, and so we are. There is no country like this and no state ahead of Massachusetts. Washington had said that Massachusetts soldiers always stood their ground. We find the soldier boys always unite. Sometimes our religious bodies are torn with dissensions, but we, never. We love good fellowship. If we could have fifty such occasions as this within a year, and have the government pay the expenses, I would like it. I well remember when Gen. Lafayette was in Boston sixty-two years ago. I hope we shall all meet here next year."

COMRADE WORDELL *60K* was next introduced as one who, since Sept. 19th, 1864, had never met with them, and being the last to see Color Bearer John A. Brown alive, Mr. Wordell was received with tokens of pleasure. He gave a sketch of his experience, telling how he was wounded and taken prisoner. He referred to the terrible experience at Winchester, and how, seeing Capt. Brady lying on the ground, terribly wounded, he should never forget the expression of his face if he lived one thousand years. We narrated how the brave Color Sergeant Brown of Co. E., lay near him in the hospital, wounded unto death and how he finally died. He spoke of comrade Swift, who, while in hospital dug a grave in which he buried his pipe, erecting a stone at the head. When jokingly told that he might be digging his own grave, he little thought that the joking allusion would be fulfilled prophecy.

PRESIDENT REED

here read a letter from Capt. W. H. May of the Confederate army, received not long ago, in which Capt. May narrated the circumstances of the mortal wounding of Sergeant Brown by his men, and the subsequent capture of the flag, saying that they took no credit for securing the flag from such a gallant defender. Capt. May related in his letter the manner in which his men hastily built a little breastwork of fence rails around their gallant foe, Sergeant Brown, to protect him as he lay from flying bullets, and how when Oils was gradually battered down, they removed him to another place of safety.

CORPORAL BOOTH

of the color guard, next gave an interesting narrative of how he tried to save the flag and when about to be captured himself, he threw it with all his strength towards his own lines; of how he was captured and placed in Libby prison with five hundred other unfortunates; of how, because on one occasion they refused to inform on one of their number, they were all deprived for three days of anything to eat. Of the twelve men in his color guard in the battle, one other besides himself, he believed, escaped alive, and the other man, McAllister, lost a leg.

COL. VERRINGTON,

who was next called for, responded in a few remarks, saying that he left the 26th in 1863 to take command of a colored regiment.

COMRADE BALCOM,

of Ashland, was happy in meeting his comrades, and hoped the report of this happy occasion would reach all who had not attended, and he promised his best efforts towards making next year's reunion a pleasurable occasion. I have been thinking of the many not with us. I think of Col. Far. I believe all the regiment loved him; and the memory of Dr. Bradt is held in grateful remembrance by us all. It was stated that the New York Weekly Tribune of October 20, 1864, gave a five column article in reference to the action of the 26th regiment, and if was voted that the same be obtained, if possible, and read at the next reunion.

MR. F. C. STEARNS,

one of Framingham's selectmen during the war, was introduced as one who looked to the interests of the widows and orphans then. Mr. Stearns expressed thanks for the invitation extended him to speak, but thought this was a place where only soldiers could speak. He referred pleasantly to his trip to the Shenandoah Valley two years ago with the veterans, and hoped they would all be spared to meet here another year.

COMRADE SAWTELLE,

of the 26th, and now a resident of Virginia, was next called for. He said that he was never taken a prisoner by the Rebs, but he was captured by a pair of black eyes, and returning south after the war he had settled down among his old foes and built up a happy home. He expressed his great pleasure at being present and promised a soldier's welcome to all his brothers who might call on him at his southern home.

CAPTAIN BRADY,

Fall River's popular collector, was greeted with enthusiasm. He said it was useless for him to attempt a speech, but it was a great gratification to be present. Since 1879, when he joined the association, he had not missed a single reunion, and he expected to be present at each future one.

CAPTAIN ANNABEL

said that now that the big guns had been fired and the small shot was being brought out, he found himself all ready to say a word. He noticed that most of the company had left their top hair at home. Were they growing old? He alluded to the passage from Boston to Ship Island in transports, and particularly remembered Lieut. Yerrington doubled up over the rail throwing food to the fishes. The Lieutenant was decidedly of the opinion that the man who wrote "Life on the Ocean Wave," was a gay deceiver. He quoted with pride the saying of Gen. Phelps as he viewed the 26th, "There goes the best drilled and best disciplined regiment in the Gulf department."

COMRADE HAYES

related a little foraging adventure in which a young pig figured prominently.

COLONEL CHAPMAN

being called for, said he was happy to look into all their faces and see them looking so well. We here represent 2500 men, and I think this gathering shows one hundred as fine looking men as can be found in Middlesex county.

CAPTAIN HOUGHTON

said he was not loaded but was pleased to be present. He referred to Capt. Brady, who, although shot in five places and his thigh bone broken, maintained undaunted courage, and that pulled him through. He made the boys laugh by recalling an incident showing Captain Brady's grit. When shot all to pieces, as it seemed, and when others thought his end was near, he astonished them all by hailing the nurse and bluffly asking if it wasn't about time for supper; and now, though the captain looks the most venerable, his young heart bids fair to carry him beyond the rest of us in time. It is sad now to look ahead until we see the last survivor attending one of these reunions alone.

CAPTAIN BALL

saw quite a contrast between this day and the 18th of October, 1862, and the question came home, "Where are the boys of other days?" He thoroughly enjoyed the day and hoped to meet with all another year.

SERGEANT STEBBINS

felt great joy in being present, and spoke in a vein of eulogy of the Veterans. "What if we are a little vain of our record? Such vanity incites us to good deeds. The good soldier makes a good citizen. While one by one the Veterans fall by the wayside, the few that are left have more influence than before."

Reference was made to Col. Jones, to whom the regiment owed as much as to any other man for the discipline and morale, and it was unanimously voted to send Col. Jones, who is now Lieut. Gov. of the state of New York, greetings. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Capt. W. H. May, of Benton, Ala., for his kindness to color Sergeant Brown, and an invitation to attend the next reunion of the regiment. The same vote and invitation was passed and extended to Capt. Bradbury of the 1st Maine battery, to whose brave assistance in covering their retreat at the battle of Winchester, the regiment owed many lives. As the afternoon grew late, and as most of the veterans had a long way to go to reach home, the 13th reunion was brought to a close. Framingham has cause to be proud that the old 26th selected this spot for its rallying ground, and that in the person of Lieut. Geo. A. Reed, she has been honored with the presidency of the association for the ensuing year. Next year we will again extend cordial welcome to the Vets.

James F. Upsham
Secretary



Report of the Fourteenth Annual Reunion
of the 26th Mass. Regiment Association held
at South Frammingham Mass Oct 18, 1887

The meeting for Business was held in Irving
Hall Feb 16th 1888 G.A.R. which was placed at the
service of the Association by the Post and being
the same as used for the business at the 13th
Reunion,

The President of the Association Lieut George
A. Reed called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock.

The Report of the Secretary was read and
accepted.

Report of the Treasurer ^{Sing} D. H. Hall was also
read and accepted

The following Resolutions relating to our
late Comrade James D. Fairbanks Co. "B",
was read by the committee appointed
at the 13th Reunion.

Resolutions

Fitchburg June 14th 1887

Whereas

One of our number James D. Fairbanks
has been transferred to the staff of the
Grate Commander of the Division, thus
reminding us that we to must prepare
for our promotion when the time may come,
Whereas

Comrade Fairbanks by his strict
attention to his duties as a soldier, and his
kindness as a friend made him loved and
respected by his comrades, therefore be it

Resolved

That we deeply mourn our loss and our association has lost a faithful member ever ready to assist in our organization, and always ready to meet his duty as a citizen,

Resolved

That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to all his relatives in their affliction and further more be it

Resolved

That the most sincere sympathy of this association is hereby extended to his young daughters upon whom this affliction falls most heavily

Resolved

That as a token of our respect to the departed Comrade a copy of the resolutions be sent to the children of our late Comrade and that they also be spread upon the Records of the Association

Signed R. O. Houghton
Lorin Hosley
Committee

The Death of the following members of the Regiment were Reported

George E. Hall	and	Hiram Berry	Co. "B."
Cyrus Paige	and	R. W. Edwards	" "E"
W. Kennedy	and	George Fleet	" "G"

Voted that instead of appointing committees on Resolutions relating to the death of comrades, that the Secretary

devote a page of the Record book to those of the Regiment who have died during the year, including their name in full date of birth and death, and all other necessary details when possible.

The death of Comrade George H. Patch an honorary member of the Association was reported and the following resolutions were read by the Secretary and adopted and ordered to be spread on the Records.

Resolutions

HD. Q. AS. 20th MASS. REGT. ASSOCIATION
South Framingham, Oct. 18, 1887.
WHEREAS, — By the dispensation of Divine Providence, Past Department Commander Geo. H. Patch has been called from this life, to realms of peace above.
WHEREAS, — As an honorary member of the association, we have been brought into the most pleasant and fraternal relations with him.
RESOLVED, — That we shall miss him as a comrade and companion. No more shall we listen to his patriotic utterances, inspiring us in our devotion to the old flag, which he honored so well and sacrificed so much to save.
RESOLVED, — That we humbly bow to the will of Him who ruleth over all, and doeth all things well. That we can say of our late comrade, he has answered the last roll, taps have been sounded, and to-day he sleeps a soldier's sleep, awaiting for the coming morn, when the reveille will beat, and he will awaken to join in that grand review and reunion above.
RESOLVED, — That we remember the widow in her deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to her as an expression of our sympathy in this, her sad hour of double bereavement.

President Reed having had a long and intimate acquaintance with Comrade Patch paid a very tender tribute to his many virtues, and stated that he had received a very touching letter relating to our late comrade, from Capt Joseph A. Sullon, who was in the Confederate Army, but now residing at Winchester Va. and who also said to be read at our Reunion the following:
"When you meet at your Reunion mention my name as one of the many brave men down south whose hearts are warm to those who at one time were in an opposing army, and drink this toast, (not to the soldiers of the north or south)

But to the American Soldier, mighty in battle, gentle in peace, as he fought so he saved, to whose honor and bravery our country now owes its fame, to a reunited nation"

(Signed) Leaph Joseph A. Nulton
Winchester Va.
Voted That the above be placed on the records of the Association,

The next business in order being the election of officers, it was Voted that the Secretary cast one ballot with the names of the officers who served last year, to serve for the ensuing year,

The officers re-elected were as follows

For President
Lieut George A. Reed,

1st Vice President Capt Thomas H. Annable
2nd " " F. M. Balcom

Secretary James F. Alphan

Treasurer Com. Sergt D. H. Hall,

Executive Committee

Co. "A."	F. E. Sprague	Co. "F."	Ser. E. Yerrington
" "B."	Gilbert Hook	" "G."	P. Hogan
" "C."	Wm Crocker	" "H."	E. S. Hay
" "D."	E. J. D. Hunkins	" "I."	C. E. Drew
" "E."	Geo. Flood	" "K."	M. M. Stebbins

Voted That the 15th Annual Reunion
be held at Lawrence Mass Oct. 18th 1888,

Voted that Patrick Hogan Capt. James
W. Tarr and Corp T. P. Barnes who reside
at or near Lawrence constitute a committee
to arrange with the Executive committee
for our next Reunion,

The Roll being called the following
Comrades were found to be present,

Co. "A" 8

Lieut O. W. Dickerman
" C. H. Richardson
" J. F. Upham
Serge J. F. Slater
Priv M. L. Bassett
" Chas Kent
" Fred. E. Sprague
" W^m A. Johnson

Co. "B" 19

Lieut Charles E. Messer
Corr. Sergt. M. F. Going
Serge C. C. Capelle
Corp. Geo. A. Adams
" O. W. Booth
" S. W. Wheeler
" Chas. Williams
Musician J. H. Balcom
Priv. C. B. Brown
" Gilbert Cook
" E. L. Davis
" H. Gilson
" S. M. Griffith

Co. "B" Continued

Priv. Louis Hoxley
" W^m Hunt
" G. A. Litchfield
" Benj. W. Parker
" Chas. P. Bartlett
" Henry F. Whyte

Co "C" 9

Serge W^m Crockett
Corp. Rufus W. Cowdin
" R. C. Jenkins
Musician W. E. Story
Priv J. S. Hunt
" E. F. Peterson
" Velron Ward
" John A. Riley
" E. A. Newton

Co. "D" 3

Priv. Michael Augent
" Geo. W. Gabor
" Patrick Riley

Co. "E," 27

Lieut S. P. Blodgett
 " Geo. A. Reed
 Corn. Sergt. D. H. Hall
 Corp. J. F. Blood
 " S. R. Burroughs
 " J. W. Loker
 Musician J. H. Adams
 Priv. C. A. Brooks
 " C. M. Dacomb
 " Robt Fletcher
 " Geo. Flood
 " W. S. Handley
 " A. J. Lampson
 " James Marne
 " C. P. Pickard
 " L. Smith
 " Dennis Sheehan
 " E. B. Taft
 " J. H. Wood
 " Saml. Whitney
 " E. S. Wheeler
 " Everett Wheeler
 " John Wayne
 " Addison B. Whelan
 " Geo. Sawyer
 " J. W. Fiske
 " Mason Wheeler

Co. F, 10

Capt James A. Troy
 Lieut Geo. E. Yeorington
 Sergt Geo. H. Muzzey
 Corp. Thomas D. Parnish
 " T. P. Barnes
 Priv. Alonzo Bowman

Co. "F" continued

Priv E. Darnie
 " Geo. Ingerson
 " John Turner
 " Chas. Huckleive

Co. "G" 8

Capt James Brady Jr
 Lieut A. Starkweather
 Sergt Thomas Altham
 " Chas. P. Hoar
 Priv. Patrick Hogan
 " M. W. Murphy
 " Eber A. Rely
 " Joseph S. Shaw

Co. H, "6"

Corp. James O. Winn
 Priv. E. S. Crushing
 " M. M. Fulten
 " Freeman Hutchins
 " H. W. Humphrey
 " E. A. Sullivan

Co. "I" 8

Priv Madison Beal
 " L. V. Blough
 " C. E. Draw
 " M. A. Lothrop
 " J. T. Rich
 " B. R. Thomas
 " D. E. Worthley
 " Patrick H. Rooney

Co. "K," 15

Capt. Stephen R. Fletcher

Lieut. J. T. Robinson

1st Sergt. Marzys Butler

Corp. M. E. Cole

" E. L. Goddard

" J. T. Hammond

" W. K. Ingraham

" Frank Young

Priv. F. M. Balcom

" Walter D. Crane

" Fred Boston

" Chas. W. D. Anne

" John Kennedy

" M. H. Oliver

" Patrick Menander

Total 113

Voted to adjourn

From the Framingham Tribune Oct. 21/87

The business meeting being concluded the veterans marched over to the grounds in front of the Baptist church where they were photographed in a body. Returning to the hall, the line was formed for a short march through the village. The line was headed by the Elmwood Fife, Drum and

Bugle Corps. Comrade Geo. O. Bent leading as marshal. In the line was Gen. J. G. Foster Post G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans, followed by the association and invited guests. A few decorations were noticed upon the route. As the column passed the house of the late Comrade Patch, all heads were uncovered. While the men had been occupied with their business the ladies had taken possession of Mr. Cooney's new large livery stable, which had been kindly offered them for the occasion, and had spread tables with places for about 200 hungry men with such a variety of tempting rations that we forbear enumeration. When the column arrived at the improvised banquet hall, which was decorated with large flags, the dinner was ready and so were the ladies. When all had been seated Chaplain Hayward invoked the Divine blessing and then the clatter of knives and forks began. When the physical appetites had been appeased the speeches began. President Reed called the company to order and called first upon Comrade Geo. O. Bent, to whose labors the company was largely indebted for the pleasant entertainment.

COMRADE BENT

said: In behalf of Post 163 I welcome this association to-day. When you came here last year we hardly knew you were coming or just what to expect, but to-day we thought we would do a little something in recognition of what you have done in the past. Every year your ranks are growing thinner, and we may never meet again but it is best on these occasions to have as good a time as possible. I bid you welcome to our town.

SELECTMAN AND COMRADE CLOYES next responded. He said speech making was not in his power, and when he saw these men march in he thought no words of his could do them credit. He welcomed them on behalf of the town.

President Reed said there was one man present, who, although not a comrade, was good enough to be one. He was a good man as his name indicated and his name was

SELECTMAN GOODSELL.

Mr. Goodsell thought that what he might say on such an occasion as this would be of but little interest but he admired the boys in blue, and said that the record these men had made placed them in a position to be envied. He hoped that a kind Providence would deal bountifully with them and lengthen out their lives.

PRESIDENT REED

said the chairman of the selectmen was unavoidably absent from town. Last spring this town elected three G. A. R. men on her board of five selectmen, and as one of them, he extended hearty greetings to them all. Framingham always held out hearty welcomes to the veterans. If there is a comrade here who has not joined the G. A. R. I advise him to do so. You see what our home post and the Ladies' Relief Corps have done. I am too full to say all I should like to.

COMRADE CHAS. H. FULLER

of Post 163 was the next speaker. He raised applause at the outset by saying: Your president says he is full; well, I am a little fuller. I told you last year that if you hadn't stole a march on us we could give you a proper reception and I promised you one this year. We extend you to-day a soldiers' welcome and there's no other welcome like that. We greet you and hope that future reunions will be attended in as full ranks as to-day. Mr. Fuller was interrupted in the middle of his remarks by President Reed who had noticed the arrival, on crutches of

COMMANDER PHINNEY

of Post 163. As Capt. Phinney entered three cheers were called for him and they were given with a vim and clinched with a "tiger." Capt. Phinney said he was glad to welcome the men of this association. Soldiers are different from other men. We greet each other differently and with a warm sympathy. Fraternity is one of our grand principles. Wherever I have ever been among soldiers I have been treated in that same spirit. I see we have with us to-day the sons of the veterans. These are to take our places when we go. The ladies, too, we appreciate. No one knows how much we owe them. I am glad to see other invited guests here too. While I cannot speak as I would like, my heart overflows with fraternal feeling for you all.

CHAPLAIN E. S. WHEELER.

the popular pastor of the Baptist church, was the next speaker. He heartily welcomed them all. When he saw the association march up to his church door to have their picture taken he was on the point of rejoicing at so large an accession to his church. He remembered to-day with pleasure, how, as a school boy, he had been inspired to enter a New York regiment and go to the war. I wasn't born in Massachusetts. They didn't consult me about that. Probably if they had I should have chosen this state, but I was born just over the line, where wooden nutmegs are made. I spent a year in the service at Port Hudson, and most of the white soldiers there were Massachusetts men. When the world wants a good, safe, outside picket line they need only to call on Massachusetts. We appreciate the ladies and their work.

May the best of blessings go with you and when you come here again come right up to the front of the Baptist church and you'll find the minister there with outstretched hands to receive you.

Mr. Wheeler then sang the solo to "Marching through Georgia," all joining in the chorus and Miss A. M. Hutelins presiding at the organ. The secretary then read a letter from Capt. Cook of North Brookfield, a letter from J. W. McMillan of Washington, D. C. late Brigadier General of volunteers, and a telegram from Lieut.-Governor Jones of New York, who was formerly colonel of the regiment. President Reed then called on one of the old comrades, who, at Winchester, led his men and knew no fear. He is no speech maker, perhaps, but he's an awful good fighter. His name is Capt. Fletcher. Capt. Fletcher's name was greeted with applause, but he declined to speak. President Reed said there was another good man here, and he's always good to the ladies. He had been left on the battlefield at Winchester to die, shot almost to pieces. One leg was taken off and when the doctors were going to take off the other one he told them to hold on and give him a chance. The ladies of Winchester took good care of him, however, and finally nursed him through and brought him back to life and he had never forgotten them. His name is

CAPT. BRADY.

Capt. Brady responded by saying that when he left home in the morning he did not expect to be treated in this way. We've received treatment to-day beyond our expectations. Speaking for myself and comrades I feel we are deeply grateful for it. While there are coporals guard of us left we will stand by the old flag.

REPRESENTATIVE CONANT OF ACTON

was next introduced as one who, although not a soldier, was the soldier's friend. He put through the last legislature the Acton soldiers' bounty bill, and he made many a poor soldier happy. I welcome him to-day and am proud to introduce Luther Conant. Mr. Conant said he hardly knew what to say after so complimentary an introduction. I am here by reason of faith rather than works: faith that Massachusetts would not do injustice to the men who stood between her and the rebel army. In looking up the matter of reenlistments in the field, I have found that the 26th Mass. furnished the most, and that Capt. Brady's company furnished the most of any company. These men reenlisted in the face of the

enemy, and it's a tribute to their bravery and patriotism. I hope you'll continue these reunions. I believe it is due to one of your number that the last pig in the Shenandoah valley came in and surrendered himself. [Applause.] Mr. Conant rallied on Comrade Luke Smith to stand up that he might be seen. A man 74 years old and whose father fought in the Revolution. Mr. Conant said that when in this village last it was at the funeral of George H. Patch, a private buried with all the honors of a Major General. In all his work at the State house he always got a word of encouragement from Mr. Patch. He was a man who always stood by soldiers everywhere. It was my honor to introduce him at Acton, the last time he ever spoke in public.

L. F. FILLER, ESQ., of Framingham, was introduced as a native of Acton and responded pleasantly. He honored no men higher than the brave men who fought their country's battles. He liked to meet them and be with them.

COMRADE RICHARDSON of Lowell was next introduced and his wit provoked yells of laughter. He said he had been enjoying these speeches, but some of the remarks had struck him queerly. When reference had been made to robbing hen roosts he noticed the only man who blushed was the Baptist minister. Mr. Wheeler quickly responded that it was a hopeful sign when a man could blush. Continuing, Mr. Richardson said that Capt. Fletcher should receive no credit for being a brave man. He was so fat he couldn't run and what else could he do then but stay and fight. Capt. Brady had been called a ladies' man, but such a man as he didn't deserve so complimentary a term applied to him. At this Capt. Brady protested, to the amusement of his comrades, declaring he would not sit still and be abused so. But Comrade Richardson replied: I love you Capt. Brady: I love you dearly, but I've got the advantage of you now and I'm going to speak right out. A man, shot

almost to pieces at Winchester, but nursed to life by a lady there, who would return home and dally over it and put off paying the debt for 25 years before returning to marry the girl, don't deserve much consideration. I feel proud to-day because I was one with you in those dark days when the country was saved. When we look back to the day we enlisted and review the days which followed, no one has a right to be more proud than we. South Framingham may well be proud of the entertainment provided to-day. This is the very best we have ever had. Mr. President, I move the thanks of the 26th regimental association be extended to Post 163, to the Ladies Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans of this place. The motion was carried by a rising vote, and three cheers and a tiger were given for the corps and the camp.

LIEUT. STARKWATER was introduced in a complimentary way and happily responded. He said such a reception as this—taking us right home, as it were—is a revelation. The toil and labor of the ladies deserve our thanks.

A telegram was sent to Gen. McMillan and another received from H. P. Hood of Indianapolis. Secretary Upham read an extract from a file of the *New York Tribune* describing the fight at Winchester. The song "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," was then sung, Mr. Wheeler carrying the solo.

CAPT. L. R. LANDY

the State's representative at the South Framingham muster field and arsenal was the next speaker. He paid a tribute to Gen. Grover, under whom he served and had been sorry to learn a short time ago that he had crossed the dark river. He welcomed the association to the town.

CHAPLAIN HAYWARD

was the next speaker. He said a year ago I was your guest: to-day you are ours and we greet you. It has been my privilege to march to-day and keep step with heroes who have stood for truth and the right. There's a tie that unites soldiers that never can be broken. I thought to-day I never saw a nobler set of men. The time is coming when we shall know each other no more, but to-day we are "the boys," and we feel like the boys marching to the music of the Union. If I desire anything, it is this: That when I shall be called away my body may be wrapped in the glorious stars and stripes and gently laid away by my old comrades. Since last year, when we listened to one old veteran esteemed by all, he has passed away. He of the silver tongue, the soldier's champion, the generous Patch, has also left us. We thought last year he would be here to-day to welcome you. But he's gone. You know the rest. May we each

"so live that when our summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
We go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and
soothed."

In every future conflict with the wrong woman is to stand side by side and shoulder to shoulder with us. May we meet again another year.

LIEUT. ROBINSON

said he had never been to but one of these reunions before for he had been in other parts of the country, but he was heartily glad to be present at this time and to see those whom he had not seen since the war. He recalled a reminiscence of Ship Island where the flag staff was erected.

COMRADE BALCOM

of Ashland was the last speaker. He regretted the time was so short, that so many had been obliged to leave and so few, comparatively, had spoken. He related a story.

President Reed said he wanted five or seven men from among the association to shoot next year for the Wellington trophy. He wanted them to begin to practice for it, for it must be won. This was one of the happiest days of his life, he said, and he was proud to see so many of his old comrades about him. He was glad to look into such pleasant faces and to see what good care they had taken of themselves. He hoped all would meet next year at Lawrence.

Thus ended one of the happiest of occasions, and thus it is that hearts are kept warm and the fires of patriotism are kept burning in the patriot's soul.

James F. Upham
Secretary

Report of the 15th Annual Reunion
of the 26th Mass. Regt. Association held at
Lawrence Mass. Oct. 7th 1888

The Business meeting was held in
Needham Hall Post 39 C.A.R. and was
called to order at 11 o'clock by the President
Lieut Geo. A. Reed,

The Report of the Secretary was read
and accepted,

The Report of the Treasurer Sergt. D. H. Hall
was also read and accepted,

The death of the following comrades
who have died during the year were reported

Priv. G. B. Darling Co "B,"

Corp. Rufus W. Cowdin " "C"

Priv. Simon Grow, " "E,"

Corp. E. H. Soaper " "F,"

The death of the following Generals
under whom the Regiment served in
the Shannandoah Valley Campaign were
reported,

Genl. Philip H. Sheridan died Aug 5th /88

" W. H. Emory " Dec. 1st /87

" H. W. Birge " June 1st /88

" Grover " " 6th /85

The following comrades were appointed to return and report a list of officers to be balloted for to serve for the ensuing year,

Co. "A."	Sergh.	J. F. Slater
" "B"	Drummer	J. H. Balcan
" "C"	Corp.	Gyrceman Holmes
" "D"	"	J. F. Lloyd
" "E"	Col.	W. H. Chapman
" "F"	Priv	A. L. Gibson
" "G"	Corp.	J. Lemmer
" "H"	Sergh.	J. R. Fulton
" "I"	Priv	L. V. Blough
" "K"	Corp.	Frank Young

Voted - To take a recess during the absence of the committee,
On the return of the committee the meeting was called to order, they reported the following names as officers to serve the coming year.

For President
Priv, J. M. Balcan

1st Vice Pres, Priv Henry Wood 2nd Vice Pres, Col. W. H. Chapman

Secy. J. F. Upham Treas. Sergh D. H. Hall

Voted to accept the report,

Voted That the secy. deposit a ballot containing the above names, they were then declared by the chair elected

Voted, — That the same can, return and bring in a list of names to serve on the Executive Committee.

The committee reported the following names,

Co. "A"	Priv. Lehar M. Kent
" "B"	" Lorin Hosley
" "C"	Cork. Freeman Holmes
" "D"	" J. B. Lloyd
" "E"	Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
" "F"	Priv. C. H. Giles
" "G"	" P. F. Hogan
" "H"	Sergt. J. R. Fulton
" "I"	Priv. M. A. Lothrop
" "K"	" F. M. Balcom

The report of the committee was accepted, and it was

Voted that the Secretary deposit a ballot containing the above names for Executive Committee, they were declared elected by the Chair,

The next business in order being the place for the next reunion, The chairman stated that he would read letters from Capt. E. M. Thompson 12th Maine Regt, and Col. Caley 9th Conn. Regt, requesting the 26th Regt, and others who belonged to the old Brigade to join in, a Reunion at Camp Chase Lowell Sept. 19th 1889.

after remarks by Capt Thompson 12th Maine who was present and others belonging to our Regt it was

Voted unanimously to hold the next Reunion Sept. 19th 1889 at Camp Chase Lowell Mass,

Genl. Banks our old Dept. Commander having arrived was warmly greeted as he was escorted to a seat near the chair,

Voted That all members who reside at Lowell constitute a committee to arrange for the next Reunion,

The Roll being called the following comrades were found to be present,

Cpl. J. A. Sawtell

Co. "A" 12

Lieut. C. H. Richardson

" J. F. Upham

Sergh. Joseph Field

" J. B. Wilson

Priv. M. L. Bassett

" A. J. Durinelle

" Chas. M. Kent

" F. E. Sprague

" Wm. A. Johnson

" Chas. Johnson

Sergh. J. F. Slater

Cook J. O. Dean

Co. "B" 13

Lieut. C. E. Messer

Comd Sergh. M. F. Goring

Corp. C. W. Booth

" S. M. Wheeler

Drummer J. H. Balcan

Priv. H. E. Achorn

" A. B. Brown

" Gilbert Cook

" C. Capelle

Co. "B" Continued

Priv. Louis Hosley

" Wm. Hunt

" Berj. W. Parker

" Henry Wood

Co. "C" 9

Corp. Freeman Holmes

" C. E. Porcheran

" John McAllister

Musician A. E. Story

Priv. E. T. Peterson

" John A. Riley

" Peter Gulick

" J. A. Parker

" J. L. Howard

Co. "D" 4

Sergh. Herain W. Gordon

Corp. J. F. Cloyd

Priv. Chas. D. Wells

" Geo. W. Graves

Co. "E." 16

Col. W. H. Chapman
 Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
 " Geo. A. Reed
 Can Sergt D. H. Hall
 Corp. S. R. Burrough
 Musician J. H. Adams
 Priv. Robt. Fletcher
 " Geo. Flood
 " L. Smith
 " F. H. Stevens
 " S. F. Teale
 " J. H. Wood
 " Samuel Whitney
 " Everett Wheeler
 " L. E. Wheeler
 " A. B. Wheeler

Co. "F." 12

Capt. J. A. Troy
 Sergt Amos G. Jones
 " Thomas D. Parish
 Corp. T. P. Barnes
 Priv. Alonzo Bowman
 " E. Danc
 " Jacob Foss
 " A. L. Gibson
 " C. H. Giles
 " Geo. Ferguson
 " John Turner
 " Amos L. Poole

Co. "G." 5

Capt. James Brady
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Corp. J. Crother
 " Geo. English
 Priv. Patrick Hogan

Co. "H." 5

Sergt. J. F. Alexander
 " J. R. Fulton
 Priv. E. F. Cushing
 " Walter M. Fulton
 " Freeman Hutchins

Co. "I." 11

Sergt. Chas. T. Woodbury
 Musician Calvin W. Greenwood
 Priv. L. V. Clough
 " Thomas A. Cook
 " C. E. Drew
 " Patrick Higgins
 " D. E. Worthley
 " E. Sullivan
 " Geo. W. Framington
 " Peter Ward
 " Chas. F. Hann

Co. "K." 6

Capt. S. R. Fletcher
 Corp. F. Young
 " C. W. Danc
 Priv. F. M. Balcom
 " Daniel S. Vaughan
 " Meander Patrick

Total present 94

The Secretary informed the comrades that Genl. Jones had sent a picture of himself and that they would be distributed during the dinner hour, after remarks by the Chairman in relation to a rifle match which was to take place within a few weeks at South Framingham Mass, and calling for Volunteers to make up a team to represent the Regiment it was voted to adjourn.

Immediately after the adjournment of the business meeting a line was formed in the street, and headed by Drummer Adams of Co "E," and a fife, the comrades marched to the common to the Soldier's monument, around which they marched with uncovered heads, the city hall was soon reached, on the steps of which the boys arranged themselves, with Genl. Banks in the center, to have a large picture taken, after being photographed a short march brought the comrades back to the Grand Army Hall, to partake of the bountiful dinner which had been provided from the funds raised by our comrade Patrick Hogan.

Extract from the Lawrence Daily Eagle.

After the inner man had been thoroughly satisfied, cigars were lighted and all settled back prepared to enjoy the eloquent and pithy speeches which followed. The first speaker introduced was Mayor Mack. He eulogized the soldier and spoke words of welcome to the boys in blue. The next speaker was Gen. N. P. Banks and he received an ovation. When his name was mentioned cheer after cheer was given and it was some moments before he could be heard. Rising, he said: "I am deeply touched at the reception you have accorded me. I do not know that there is a regiment under my command during the war that has for me so many pleasant recollections as the 26 Massachusetts." He then recounted incidents that had occurred in his relations with the regiment which had, he said, become stamped for all time upon his memory. In closing he said: "Never shall I forget you or your gallant services." At the close of his remarks, the general was made an hon-

orary member of the association. He was followed in turn by Mr. Greenhalge, Lieut. Richardson, Capt. E. W. Thompson, Capt. Brady and ~~Bakers~~, all of whom made eloquent remarks.

The committee of arrangements wish to extend thanks to all those citizens who generously contributed toward defraying the expenses. And the association, besides voting thanks to Mr. Patrick Hogan, the chairman of the committee, also passed a vote of thanks to Needham post for the free use of the hall.

After giving three hearty cheers for Gen. Banks, voting thanks to the members in this city who had done all in their power to make the occasion a success, and after a few short remarks by the president, an adjournment was made until the next reunion.

J. F. Upham
Secretary

Report of the 16th Annual Reunion of
the 26th Mass. Regiment Association, held
at Camp Chase Lowell Mass Sept 19th 1889

The Business meeting was held in the
large building on the Fair grounds and
was called to order at 1030 by the President
of the association Frank M. Balcan.

Report of the Secretary was read and
accepted.

Report of the Treasurer Sergt D. H. Hall
was also read and accepted.

The death of the following 12 comrades
who have died during the year was reported

Private	Richard Allen	Co. "C"
"	Reuben Coleman	" "
"	George Brooks	" D "
"	Hampden Moore	" "
Corp.	J. W. Loker	" E.
Priv.	Benj. Skinner	" "
"	R. Hayworth	" F.
"	Henry F. White	" "
Corp.	Patrick Lyon	" G.
Priv.	James Kidd	" "
"	Samuel Morehouse	" "
"	Dennis McLearty	" "
"	James W. McKenna	" H.

Also our old Sutter Otis Tarbell died in Aug 1889

Voted, that a committee of one from
each company be appointed and that
they retire and bring in the names
of the officers to be balloted for

to serve for the coming year,

Voted - that each company appoint
a comrade to serve on the abm com,

The committee appointed were as follows

Co. A	Corp. J. B. Wilson
" B	" Geo. A. Adams
" C	Sergh. Wm Crockett
" D	Chas. F. Hayden
" E	Cal. Wm H. Chapman
" F	Sergh. Geo. H. Muzzey
" G	Corp. Chas. P. Hart
" H	Sergh. Walter M. Fulton
" I	Priv. Geo. W. Farrington
" K	Corp. Frank Young

The abm committee after consultation
reported the following list of officers
to serve for the ensuing year

For President
John H. Balcom
First Vice Pres. Henry Wood, - Sec. Vice Pres. Cal. W. H. Chapman
Secretary James P. Upham
Treas. D. H. Hall

Executive Committee

Co. A	F. E. Sprague	Co. F	Amos J. Jones
" B	E. L. Davis	" G	J. C. Withers
" C	J. McAllister	" H	J. R. Fuller
" D	J. F. Lloyd	" I	M. A. Lathrop
" E	S. P. Blodgett	" K	S. H. Abbott

Voted, that the report of the
committee be accepted

Voted, that the secy. deposit a ballot containing the names of the officers recommended by the committee

The Roll being called the following named comrades were found to be present.

Lieut Col. J. A. Sawtelle	
Adjutant Geo. E. Davis	
Asst. Surgeon Lorenzo S. Fox	
Band James Falcon	
Co. "A" 18	
Lieut J. F. Upham	Co. "B" 18
" E. F. Emerson	Lt. Col. J. S. Cook
Corp. Joseph Packard	Lieut W. C. Messer
" J. B. Wilson	Comdr. M. F. Young
Priv. S. G. Austin	Corp. Gen. A. Adams
" M. L. Bassett	" O. W. Booth
" Chas. H. Emerson	" H. M. Gross
" Patrick Halpin	" S. W. Wheeler
" Chas. M. Kent	Musician J. H. Balcom
" Isaac Peabody	Priv. H. E. Achorn
" E. A. Sawyer	" A. B. Brown
" Robt. Spencer	" E. L. Davis
" F. E. Sprague	" S. W. Griffith
" James F. Taylor	" Loring Hosley
" Roseville Brown	" B. A. Litchfield
" W. M. A. Johnson	" Noah O. Moulton
" Chas. Johnson	" John Shattuck
" James Jackson	" E. P. Sawtelle
	" James J. O'Brien

Co. C. 8	
Corp. C. E. Porcheran	Priv. John McQuinn
" John McAllister	" E. T. Peterson
Musician H. E. Story	" E. A. Newton
Priv. James L. Howard	" J. A. Parker

Co. D, 8
 1st Sergt. Chas. F. Hayden
 Corp. J. F. Floyd
 Priv. J. F. Barnes
 " A. Chickering
 " Chas D. Wells
 " Horace Batters
 " H. F. Flood
 " Wm Mc Lane

Co. E, 33

Col. M. H. Chapman
 Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
 " E. E. Haynes
 " Geo. A. Reed
 Comd Sgt. D. H. Hall
 Sergt. E. W. Parkhurst
 Corp. J. F. Blood
 " J. R. Burroughs
 Priv. J. E. Brown
 " E. A. Brooks
 " Robt Fletcher
 " Geo. Flood
 " E. W. Fletcher
 " J. M. Fiske
 " W. S. Handley
 " A. J. Lamphere
 " James Monroe
 " C. P. Rickard
 " J. S. Puffer
 " D. Sheehan
 " F. H. Stevens
 " S. F. Teele
 " E. B. Taft
 " James H. Wood

Co. E, continued
 Priv. M. B. Whitney
 Saml. Whitney
 E. Wheeler
 John Wayne
 A. B. Wheeler
 Mason Wheeler
 Geo. W. Sawyer
 Harry L. Pease
 Timothy Sheehan

Co. F, 12

Sergt. R. H. Foster
 " Geo H. Muzzey
 " Anna L. Jones
 Corp. T. P. Barnes
 Priv. Alouzo Bowman
 " J. E. Barnes
 " Jacob Rose
 " A. L. Gibson
 " E. H. Giles
 " John Turner
 " Chas. Hocking
 " A. L. Poole

Co. G, 7

Seraph James Brady Jr
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Sergt. E. P. Hoar
 Corp. J. C. Wether
 " Geo. England
 Priv. Andrew Garvey
 " Patrick F. Hogan

Co. "H," 9
 Lieut E. S. Fay
 1st Sergh J. F. Alexander
 " Geo. W. Frost
 " James R. Fulton
 Priv E. F. Cushing
 " Walter M. Fulton
 " John Brooks
 " Josiah Howard
 " S. L. Ripley

Co. "I," 14
 Musician C. W. Greenwood
 Priv. L. V. Clough
 " Thomas Meek
 " C. E. Drew
 " Alfred Hyde
 " Thomas Hill
 " M. A. Lathrop
 " B. R. Thomas
 " D. E. Worthley
 " F. L. Wood
 " E. Sullivan
 " P. H. Romney
 " C. F. Harts
 " J. H. Howard

Co. "K," 11
 Corp. S. H. Abbott
 " W. E. Cole
 " E. L. Goddard
 " J. T. Hammond
 " Wm X. Ingraham
 " Frank Young
 " Chas. W. Dams
 Priv. F. H. Balcom
 " O. W. Balcom
 " Edward Hawes
 " Patrick Menander

Total present. 142

Field & Staff	3
Band	1
Cor. G.	7
" C	8
" D	8
" H	9
" K	11
" F	12
" I	14
" A	18
" B	18
" E.	33
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Voted, - That the next Reunion be held at Boston Mass Oct 15th 1890

Voted, That the secretary of the Association and Comrade C. E. Drew assist the Executive Com. in arranging for the next Reunion.

A letter was read from Mrs. Alice C. Kislw (nee Farmer) of West Plains Mo. sending greeting to members of the 26th Regiment to whom she and her mother became acquainted with while visiting the quarters of the Regiment in Lafayette Sq and the Christon House and Hospital in New Orleans, she requested a roster of the Regiment, it was voted that the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of her communication and send her the Roster as requested.

A large rebel flag which was captured by M. E. Story Co 'C' and others near Camp Chase in 1861 was shown to the comrades by the Secretary, Comrade Story who was present and who brought the flag with him to the reunion, explained to quite a number after the close of the Business meeting the circumstances connected with its display from Fort Hill, and the exciting time in its capture, and bringing same into camp, after a vote of thanks to our retiring President Fr. M. Balcan, for the able manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, it was voted to adjourn.

J. F. Upham
Secretary

From The Lowell Morning Times Sept. 20/89

VETERANS' REUNION.

Memories of Camp Chase Revived
at the Fair Grounds.

Half a Regiment Eat Beans and
Listen to Speeches.

Comrades Meet for the First Time
Since the War.

The long expected reunion of the Camp Chase veterans took place yesterday at the fair grounds and was a signal success in spite of the steady rain which prevented the parade. The organizations included were the 26th and 30th Massachusetts, 9th Connecticut and 12th Maine regiments of infantry and the 3d Massachusetts cavalry. The meeting was suggested at the annual reunion of the 12th Maine veteran infantry last year, at which it was decided that this year the regiment should meet in Lowell.

In the latter part of the summer of 1861 a camp ground was established on the fair grounds and named Camp Chase, in honor of Hon. Salmon P. Chase, then secretary of the treasury. To this camp during the fall of 1861 were sent a portion of the recruits who were to form part of the companies and regiments that made up the New England division that Gen. B. F. Butler was raising. The first regiment organized was the 26th Massachusetts, commanded by Col. E. F. Jones, now lieutenant governor of New York. The 9th Conn. regiment, commanded by Col. Cahill, joined the 26th at this camp late in October or early in November, and on the 22d of November these two regiments left the camp for Boston, and from there were transported by steamer Constitution to Ship Island, which is located in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Mississippi. After the 26th Massachusetts and the 9th Connecticut left Camp Chase, Lieut. Col. Jonas H. French took command of the camp, and the recruits that had been gathered there for the Eastern Bay State regiment (afterwards known as the 30th Massachusetts) went into camp on that portion of the grounds that had been occupied by the 26th Massachusetts. On the left of this regiment the recruits for three companies of cavalry that were respectively commanded by Capt. S. Tyler Read, James W. Magee and Francis A. Durivage went into camp. In December, 1861, the 12th Maine regiment was sent to this camp. Jan. 2, 1862, the 30th Massachusetts, the cavalry and the 12th Maine left the camp, proceeded by cars to Boston, marched to Boston common, where dress parade was held and a flag presented to the 30th Massachusetts. Lieut. Col. French commanding, after which the troops embarked on transport Constitution. Jan. 11 the steamer left Boston harbor bound for Ship Island. They were delayed about two weeks at Fortress Monroe and did not arrive at Ship Island until Feb. 2. The other troops which formed with these the New England division, came from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut, and arrived later, and Gen. Butler commenced operations in conjunction with Commodore Farragut, which resulted in the surrender of Forts Jackson and St. Philip, with the city of New Orleans. There were from Lowell three companies in the 26th Massachusetts, A, D, and H, and four companies in the 30th Massachusetts, B, C, F and H; also about 50 men in the three companies of cavalry, most of them being in the third company, commanded by Capt. Durivage and afterwards by Solon A. Perkins.

FORENOON EXERCISES.

The Lowell companies, accompanied by Post 120 G. A. R. band, went to the fair grounds about 9 o'clock. The half of the fair grounds building, where the dinner exercises occurred, was elaborately decorated for the occasion, by S. M. Patterson, and some war relics and trophies were there displayed. The names of regimental organizations and battles in which they participated were prominently displayed. When all the veterans had arrived at the fair grounds there were in all 425 present, as follows: Twenty-sixth, 140; Thirtieth, 125; First Maine, 60; Ninth Connecticut, 35; First Maine cavalry, 35. Regimental elections took place during the forenoon, as follows:

TWENTY-SIXTH MASSACHUSETTS.

President, John H. Balcom of Ashland; vice president, W. H. Chapman of Everett; secretary, J. F. Upham of Boston; treasurer, D. H. Hall, West Acton; executive committee, F. E. Sprague, E. L. Davis, John McAllister, J. P. Lloyd, S. P. Blodgett, Amos Jones, James Crowther, James R. Fulton, M. A. Lathrop, S. H. Abbott.

THIRTIETH MASSACHUSETTS.

President, Gen. N. A. M. Dudley of Boston; vice presidents, Lewis Toohy of Lawrence, B. F. Whittemore of Woburn; secretary, Adams Emerson of Chelmsford; treasurer, B. F. Whittemore of Woburn; trustees, last year's board with the addition of Col. C. A. R. Dimon and Col. Jonas H. French.

NINTH CONNECTICUT.

President, William Wright, New Orleans; vice president, Lawrence O'Brien, New Haven; secretary, William Gleason, New Haven; treasurer, George F. Cook, Bridgeport.

THIRD CAVALRY.

President, Edward J. Noyes of Lowell; secretary and treasurer, C. I. Taylor, Lowell.

TWELFTH MAINE.

President, J. W. Thompson, Bangor, Me.; vice presidents, E. W. Thompson, Lowell, Edwin Halsey, Limerick, Me.; secretary,

S. M. True, Belfast; treasurer, S. H. Purlinton, Portland.

DINNER AND SPEECHES.

The dinner was served at noon by Page & Nunn, 500 plates being set. It was a substantial feast of baked beans and brown bread, cold meats, relishes, cake, coffee and ice cream, to which full justice was done, some of the vets saying they came hundreds of miles to get "one square meal at Camp Chase."

Lieut. E. W. Thompson presided and near him sat Mayor Palmer, Brig. Gen. Dudley, Col. Jonas H. French, several members of the common council and well known members of the military organizations.

Lieut. Thompson called to order and made the following

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS:

Comrades: Twenty-eight years ago this autumn, with the fire of patriotic devotion burning in your hearts and the cry of "Save the Union" ringing in your ears, a large proportion of those before me were mustered into the service of their country at this place. Gathered from the farms and woods of Maine, and from the shops and mills of Massachusetts and Connecticut, the art of war, the necessary discipline of the service, and the danger, disease and death that lurked in the future were to you unknown. But the faith of the union soldier was strong within you and it lasted unto the end. Upon both sides of the rebellion you carved a record that is a part of the most glorious history of your country, and when treason was scourged from the temple of freedom you passed from the flush of victory, and disappeared in the field of peace. For a quarter of a century you have seen the fruits of your valor and devotion and the valor and devotion of your comrades multiply and increase. You have seen prosperity pouring its treasures from the horn of plenty in the north and in the south and in the east and in the west, but how many there are of you and your comrades who have fallen to the rear in the race for prizes. Broken in health, broken in strength, with old wounds, diseases and disabilities, covered, perchance, by a fair exterior, you cannot compete with lusty young manhood or the cheap labor of rushing immigration. Let us look back over the years of peace, flushed with increased and increasing valuation, to those four years of terrible struggle, with the pay you had in paper promises, to the promises made when you entered the service. How false they were! How hollow the professions! How base the pay! But there is a gradual awakening regarding your relation to the country, and what the country's duty is to you, and while we are not here to discuss parties or individuals, let us be a unit in saying that the liberal policy that has been inaugurated in the treatment of the maimed and broken down heroes who made the union of to-day a possibility should in no wise be hampered, while the old soldier has a voice to protest and a ballot wherewith to emphasize it.

Comrades, you have stood short pay and short rations, and always took kindly to short marches and short sermons. Let this be a day for short speeches, in order that we may hear a great many. I close here to set the example. You have come back this day to the birthplace of your regiments, and the city that parted with you with prayers and blessings has taken you again to her heart and bids you welcome. I call on Hon. Charles D. Palmer, mayor of the city of Lowell, to speak in her behalf.

MAYOR PALMER'S ADDRESS.

Mayor Palmer was received with three rousing cheers and made one of his best efforts, his remarks being as follows:

Mr. President, Soldiers of the Union Army, Gentlemen: It is most gratifying to me to be present on this occasion and to offer you a sincere and cordial welcome in behalf of the city of Lowell. We are pleased that you hold your reunion here, on the very spot from which so many of you went forth to battle, and we are proud that Lowell has a share in your inheritance of honor. You have met together to renew old associations, to recall the days that are past, and to live over again the eventful success of which you were a part. You will experience once more the righteous indignation against armed rebellion, which burned in every loyal breast. Again you will feel that thrill of fervent patriotism which inspired our best and bravest to offer up their lives on the altar of their country. You will be filled anew with that resolute purpose which shrinks from no danger and yielded to no discouragement. You will realize afresh the hopes and disappointments, the struggles and the agony of those four years, and you will rejoice once again over victory, union and honorable peace. To our brave and patriotic sons who fought for their country's cause coming generations will give their meed of praise, and render unto them the honor which is their due. But better than any earthly glory is the guerdon they have won in the knowledge that they did their duty. For them, in its best and noblest sense, virtue is its own reward. It is for us, citizens of the republic they have saved, to acknowledge with grateful hearts the debt we owe them and to invoke the blessings of prosperity and lifelong happiness upon every soldier of the Union army.

GEN. BUTLER'S MESSAGE.

Gen. Butler had a case at court in Taunton and could not be present. He sent this message:

TAUNTON, Mass., Sept. 19.

Greetings most cordial to my old comrades at Camp Chase. Would be with you if not in court for a bereaved father for the loss of his child.

B. F. BUTLER.

To this message the following reply was sent:

LOWELL, Sept. 19.

B. F. Butler, Taunton:

The 30th Massachusetts Regiment association send you their cordial greetings and congratulations, praying that your life may be prolonged and attended with good health.

N. A. M. DUDLEY,

Pres. 30th Mass. Reg. Asso.

COL. C. A. R. DIMON

was called upon after Chairman Thompson had read a paper eulogistic of Gen. Butler as a lawyer, soldier and statesman, and the best known man in the country. Col. Dimon was received with rousing cheers. He said he had not the gift of language to fully express all he would like to say or to express all the feelings welling up in his heart in the pleasant meeting with old comrades. The best reply he could make was in the form of a request he knew they would all respond to, that was to give three rousing cheers which would be heard from Lowell to Taunton for their old commander, Gen. Benjamin F. Butler. The vets arose and gave the cheers with a will, adding a sonorous "tiger."

After a letter of regret from Hon. F. T. Greenhalge had been read the chairman said that in the absence of the eloquent congressman he was at first at a loss who to call upon, but he bethought him of one [who] a lady once told him was the handsomest man she ever saw.

COL. JONAS H. FRENCH.

The colonel said it was a little unkind to place him in the position of responding to lieu of a congressman, and that one the most eloquent and polished speaker in New England. He had been told that he was partially a congressman, but the best recollection he had was of being gloriously defeated down in Essex county. He thought the disposition was to do the soldier full and ample justice. The true soldier asks recognition only so far as he is honorably and justly entitled to it. Aye, the true soldier goes farther than that and resists any efforts on the part of the heats and bums of the war to obtain recognition. The pension roll is a badge of honor, but not when worn by men who do not deserve to wear it. The soldiers of to-day are not in politics, they have the privilege of voting for whichever party they please. They stand by their own honor and demand only simple justice.

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The speaker then took a retrospective glance of 28 years and reviewed the scenes attending the departure of 2000 men from Camp Chase to do what they could to save the Union. That duty was by the blessing of God accomplished. He then dwelt upon the records of the honored dead, mentioning the names of Shepley, Cahill and others amid great applause.

The 9th Connecticut at Camp Chase was always "over the fence," but when the time for duty came they "got there just the same." One by one the veterans are dropping away, but the generation who come after you will be just as ready to respond to a call and preserve the work you have so gloriously accomplished. (Cheers.)

BRIG. GEN. DUDLEY,

who was received with tremendous applause, was the next speaker, and said he believed he could use the word comrade with truth to every single soldier in the assembly, as he believed that all at one time or another were under his command. In his 36 years of military ex-

perience he had had at different times nearly 100,000 men under his command, and never had he seen better material than the men who composed the New England division under Gen. Butler. It was said that these reunions were occasions of taffy but the soldiers before him were witnesses that when he had occasion for a reprimand he was never too modest to give it. When the volunteers came from New England to New Orleans they were apt to look upon a regular army officer as a martinet, but they were not there long before they recognized that the kind of discipline they received was just what they needed. After dwelling on the record of the several regiments he said that after 30 years of military service he had come to the old commonwealth to be again a citizen. No state in the Union has citizens more ready to recognize the debt to the soldier. The present national administration, as was the last was, generous in place-giving, and the recognition given the soldiers should be a solace in their old age for all the hardships and dangers.

CHAPLAIN A. F. WHITEMORE

responded to the sentiment, "Woman, the soldiers' best friend." He did not know what the country would have done if the infantry had not been well trained before they were called for. He could remember over and again the women who sacrificed self to give a husband, brother, son or sweetheart to their country's cause. How nobly, how willingly they gave up those who they looked upon as the best friends they had on earth, their protectors and defenders, to defend the old flag. God bless the women of our land. We talk of our sufferings, which indeed were great, but imagine the anxieties, the disappointments which came to the women left at home. The white faces as the news of a battle was read, with the intelligence that the loved one had been shot down, taken prisoner or carried maimed and wounded to the hospital. All this they bore without murmuring. If we could look into hearts we would find women to-day who still wear the sackcloth and ashes. God help us all, until the great roll is called on the other side of the river we all must cross, to honor the soldiers best friend, the women of America.

A dirge was then played by the band as the chairman announced the sentiment, "Our noble and honored dead, known and unknown," the comrades rising and standing in silence for a few moments.

MAJOR E. J. KOYES

responded for the unattached cavalry association, dwelling on the rugged character of the men of the various regiments at Camp Chase, and eulogizing Shepley of the 12th Maine. He also referred to the lively character of the 9th Connecticut. Lowell never had any greater shaking up than at the hands of this regiment. The duty which the men before him were called upon to perform in Louisiana was not a pleasant one, although they managed to get some fun out of it. The climate, the miasma and the water were more deadly than the foes they met in the field. He took a just pride in knowing that the men who had such a record went out from Lowell. The major closed with a gratified reference to the ready response made by the city council to the request for an appropriation for the reunion. The only question was, "How much do you want?"

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Capt. Wm. Wright of the 9th Connecticut said he came all the way from his home in New Orleans to attend the reunion. When he left he was 64 years of age, but he was now 30. He spoke in a humorous vein in regard to some experiences at Ship Island, and told two or three stories which kept the comrades in a roar.

Lieut. A. M. True spoke for the 12th Maine, and dwelt largely upon the credit for gallant conduct due the command of Gen. Butler at Port Hudson. Grant lost 500 out of 60,000 men before Vicksburg, while 500 went down in battle out of the 11,000 at Port Hudson.

Comrade Wilson spoke briefly, but eloquently, for the Twenty-sixth Massachusetts, and made some telling points in regard to the battle of Cedar Creek and the gallant deeds of Gen. Sheridan. A reference to having acted as sentry at the tent of Gen. Dudley and his feelings that stirred the heart of the general.

Col. French made a brief response for the Thirtieth Massachusetts and then called upon Sergeant Cole, who came all the way from New Jersey to attend the reunion. He made one of the best and most stirring and easily delivered addresses of the day, but much of the ground had been previously covered. He gave a graphic and vivid word picture of a battle scene, the comrades listening in almost breathless silence. He also dwelt on the pension question, and urged the comrades to remember that there were politicians who were ever ready to use the soldier. Those who are able to earn their own living didn't want any pension, but there are those who are not, and it would be a lasting disgrace to the government to allow such to suffer or die in poorhouses.

A few others responded to calls and at about 3.30 o'clock the exercises came to a close and the out of town vets started for their homes. The reunion was highly successful and productive of pleasure to all concerned.



Report of the 17th Annual Reunion of
the 26th Mass. Regiment Association held
at the American House Boston Mass Dec 18/90.

The meeting for business was held in one
of the parlors of the hotel, and was called
to order by the President of the Association
John H. Balcom at 10.30 A. M.

Report of the Secretary was read and accepted,

Report of the Treas. D. W. Hall was also read
and accepted,

The death of the following comrades
who have died during the year was reported

Lieut Col Josiah A. Sawtelle
at Lowell Apr. 2/90 of heart disease,

Capt. Stephen R. Fletcher Co. K.
at Woburn Mass Oct 20/89

Capt John Pickering Co. I,
at San Francisco Cal. about 2 yrs. ago.

Bugler Jonas Shattuck Co. B,
July 17/90

Private Albert Harnden Co. B.
1890

" Isaac B. Trask Co. F,
at S. Boston Mass. May 17/90
Killed while on duty as gatekeeper for the O. & N. R.

" Robert Teale Co. G.
at Washington D. C. Mch 5/90

Priv. Chas H. Ham Co. I.
at Dover N.H. Feb. 27/90

Mrs. Alice C. Risley of West Plains Mo. having written for a picture of the Regiment, it was voted that the Secretary be authorized to obtain one and send it to her.

The next business in order being the election of officers it was voted that a committee consisting of one from each company be appointed and that they return and bring in the names of the officers to be balloted for.

The committee as appointed were as follows

Co. A	Corp. J. B. Wilson
" B	Capt. R. O. Houghton
" C	Priv. E. T. Peterson
" D	" E. J. D. Huckins
" E	Lieut. E. E. Haynes
" F	Capt. J. A. Troy
" G	Lieut. A. Starkweather
" H	Priv. F. Hutchins
" I	" M. Beal
" K	" F. M. Balcom

During the absence of the committee a recess was taken, on their return the meeting was called to order, and the committee reported the following list of names of officers to serve for the ensuing year.

For Pres. D. H. Hall
1st Vice - J. B. Wilson
2nd " " Capt. J. L. Kayser

secy. J. P. Upham
Treas. M. Beale

Executive Committee

Co. A.	Leigh J. P. Slater	Co. F.	C. H. Giles
" B.	Lonig Hosley	" G.	Thomas Altham
" C.	E. V. Peterson	" H.	Freeman Hutchins
" D.	J. P. Lloyd	" I.	Daniel Worthley
" E.	E. E. Hayes	" K.	Chas. Dams.

Voted, That the report be accepted and adopted.

Voted That the President cast a ballot containing the names for officers as reported by the committee.

Voted That as the 18th of October 1891 is Sunday, that the Reunion be held on Monday the 19th.

The next business in order, being the place of the next Reunion. It was Voted that the committee on nominations return and after consultation to recommend to the meeting a place for the next reunion.

Voted That a recess be taken during the absence of the committee, on their return they reported that they recommend that the next Reunion be held at South Frammingham Mass.

Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted and adopted.

Voted That Lieut Geo. A. Reed and John H. Balcom constitute a committee

for making arrangements for the next reunion.

On the calling of the Roll, the following comrades were found to be present.

Co. "A," 9

J. V. Upham
Sergeant J. F. Slater
Corp. J. B. Wilson
Priv. M. L. Bassett
" Chas M. Kent
" Daniel Keating
" Fred E. Sprague
" John B. Gleason
" Arcadius Brown

Co. "C," 6

Corp. C. E. Porcheran
Musician E. Story
Priv. John McGinn
" E. T. Peterson
" David Rotch
" E. A. Newton

Co. "D," 2

Priv. E. J. D. Huckleins
" Marcus M. Wood

Co. "B," 16

Capt. R. C. Houghton
Lieut. C. C. Messer
Com. Sigh. M. V. Young
Corp. Geo. A. Adams
" O. W. Booth
Musician J. H. Balcom
Priv. H. E. Achorn
" A. B. Brown
" Gilbert Brook
" Christopher Gopelle
" E. L. Davis
" Lorin Hosley
" Wm. Hunt
" Berj. M. Parker
" Chas. P. Sartell
" J. J. O'Brien

Co. "E," 18

Col. W. E. Chapman
Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
" Geo. E. Haynes
" Geo. A. Reed
Com. Sigh. D. H. Hall
Sigh. C. W. Parkhurst
Musician J. H. Adams
Priv. C. A. Brooks
" Robt. Fletcher
" Geo. Flood
" J. W. Fiske
" J. Monroe
" L. Smith
" F. H. Stevens
" E. Tarbell
" J. H. Wood
" Saul Whitney
" A. B. Wheeler

Co. "F." 12		Co. "H." 6	
Capt. J. A. Troy		Sergt. J. F. Alexander	
" R. J. Keyser		" J. R. Fulton	
Sergt. Geo. H. Muzzey		Corp. J. O. Wain	
" T. D. Parrish		Priv. W. Hutchins	
" T. P. Barnes		" E. A. Sullivan	
Priv. Jacob Foss		" J. Brooks	
" A. L. Gilson			
" C. H. Giles		Co. "I" 7	
" John Turner		Lieut. C. M. Swain	
" A. H. Durinels		Sergt. C. T. Woodbury	
" A. L. Poole		Priv. Madison Beal	
" Phillip Bank		" L. V. Clough	
		" C. E. Drew	
		" M. A. Lothrop	
		" D. E. Worthley	
Co. "G." 8		Co. "K." 5	
Capt. J. Brady Jr.		Sergt. Menzo Butler	
Lieut. A. Starkweather		Corp. N. E. Cole	
Sergt. C. P. Hoar		" J. T. Hammond	
" Thomas Altham		" Frank Young	
Corp. J. Crother		Priv. F. M. Balcom	
" Geo. England			
Priv. Patrick Fitzgoun			
" E. A. Ray			
Total		99	

A gentleman who was present representing Mr. Porter the photographer, stated that if it was agreeable, he would take a large picture of the members of the association present, if they would form a group on the steps of the Court House in Court Square, as the time was quite limited before the dinner hour, it was Voted, that we would dispense with having a picture taken this year,

The 38 Mass. Regiment holding its Annual Reunion at the U.S. Hotel it was voted that the following be sent them,

American House Oct 18 "1890
To the 38 " Mass. Association.

The 26 " Mass. Association sends hearty greetings and wishes you many happy returns of these happy gatherings.

Signed J. H. Balcom
President

J. G. Upham Secy.

Then being no other business to come before the meeting it was Voted to adjourn,

After the business meeting the comrades formed in double ranks and marched to the large dining hall, and at 1 o'clock were busily engaged in stowing away nearly as large a ration as they put into their haversacks when they left Ship Island in Apr 1862

When the fires had been well lighted our Dinner President, beat the long roll on the table, calling the comrades to order, the following which had just been received was then read,

U.S. Hotel Boston Oct. 18/90
" To the 26 " Mass Association

The 38 Mass. Regiment Association acknowledges your kind greeting, which was received with cheers, long life and

prosperity to every survivor of the 26th
 (Signed) C. H. Vitus
 President

Following the above, letters were recd from Col. Jones, and Gov. Brackett regretting that they were unable to join in our Reunion, also an interesting letter from Color Sergt. C. M. Porter Co. Dth now residing at Palestine Texas, he wrote that he could only be with in heart and sympathy, and wished to be remembered to all the old Vets, and hoped to meet us all sometime in the future.

The following was received from our old Genl. and Dept. Commander, Benj. F. Butler,

Dear Sir I am exceedingly obliged for the invitation of the 26th Regiment organization to me to meet my old comrades of that regiment on the 18th inst. My connections in the service of the country with your regiment are green spots in my memory, I cannot but gratefully call to mind, that it was your valor, endurance and energy in getting between the forts St. Phillip and Jackson and New Orleans, which was the immediate cause of the surrender of that city, so that I could get there at all. And the last farewell greeting when I left that city on Dec 24th 1862, even the hearty cheer of my comrades of the 26th as I went down the river home. You see, therefore how much I must regret not being able to meet you, but I leave tomorrow for the west with a party upon very important business

which will keep me about 15 days, so it will be impossible for me to take part in your memories and festivities on that which I doubt not will be, a joyous occasion.

I am very faithfully your comrade and friend
(signed) Benj. V. Butler

James F. Upham Esq Secy 26th Mass Association
89 North St Boston

Boston Oct 8 1890

The reading of the above was responded to, by prolonged cheering by the boys.

The President then introduced Capt Buffum editor of the Cambridge Chronicle, and formerly a member of the 14th N. H. Regt. who was in the same Brigade with the 26th. he related many incidents of the war which were quite interesting to the comrades and he touched a tender chord, as he brought to our remembrance the many many sad scenes that transpired during the carnage at Winchester and Cedar Creek.

The next speaker was W^m H. Olin of the 36th Mass. Regt although he had been introduced as Col, and had been called as such many times, he said he could not understand or know when the rank came from, he said he had enlisted as a private and had always served in the ranks and had been proud of the title of high private, his remarks were full of spice and good humor, and he kept the boys in a pleasant mood during the time he was speaking.

L. V. Clough Co. I, at present Postmaster at S. Acton Mass. was called on to relate an exciting experience he had at the Battle of Cedar Creek, but, being of a modest and retiring nature, he reluctantly commenced relating one of the most thrilling experiences that any comrade of the Regiment had, during the war, but his modesty would only allow him to relate part of the adventure, keeping in the background as much as possible, the real hero, and with much hesitancy told me what became of the other fellow, then is no doubt but that comrade Clough's story about the experience he had with the "Johnny-reb" at Cedar Creek, would have been much more interesting if the President had called on some other comrade to relate it, it is only necessary to say, that our Provost Marshall had one less prisoner to account for, and that Genl. Early had one less straggler to follow him back to Richmond.

A few remarks by our Past President Geo. A. Reed, brought to a close one more remin of the survivors of the 26th Regiment.

J. B. Wpham
Secretary

Report of the 18th Annual Reunion of
the 26th Mass. Regiment Association held
at South Frammingham Mass. Monday
Oct 19th 1891.

The meeting for business was held in
the Hall off Post 163 G. A. R. who had
kindly tendend the use of same to the
Association, the meeting was called to order
at 10.30 by the President D. H. Hall.

The Report of the Secretary was read and
accepted.

The Report of the Treas. Madison Beal was
also read and accepted.

The death of the following who have died
or reported dead since our Last Reunion,

Col. W. H. Chapman

Died Apr. 24/91 at Everett Mass.

West. Surg. Alanzo Fox

Died June 23/91 at Lowell Mass

Corp. Charles Williams Co. B;

Died 1891

Private Thomas Sweetland Co. "C"

Died in 1888 or 1889

" Vernon Ward Co. "C"

Died May 1891

Corp. J. F. Blood Co. "E"

Died Mch 19th 1891

Priv. Charles Morse Co. "E"
Died Apr. 30/91

" Timothy Sheehan Co. "E"
Died Nov. or Dec. 1890

" Jacob Foss Co. "F"
Died Apr. 12th 1891

" M. Keating Co. "F"
Died Oct. 9th 1891

The next business in order, being the election of officers, it was voted that a committee consisting of one from each company be appointed, that they return and bring in a list of officers to be balloted for, to serve for the coming year, the committee were as follows,

Co. "A" Corp J. Packard	Co. "F" Priv. Phillip Burke
" "B" " S. W. Wheeler	" "G" " H. Sullivan
" "C" " R. B. Jenkins	" "H" " F. Hutchins
" "D" Priv. M. Hagen	" "I" " L. V. Clough
" "E" Lieut. G. A. Reed	" "K" " M. H. Oliver

Voted that a recess be taken during the absence of the committee, on their return the meeting was called to order, and they reported the following names for officers

For President, Lieut. A. S. Parker
For 1st Vice Pres. J. L. Keyser For 2nd Vice Pres. George Bowman
For Secy. J. B. Aphon
For Treas. Madison Beal.

For Executive Committee

Co. A.	Corp.	J. B. Wilson
Co. B.	Pvt.	Gilbert Cook
" C "	"	E. T. Peterson
" D "	"	M. Vargant
" E "	"	W. S. Handley
" F "	"	Phillip Burke
" G "	Corp.	H. Sullivan
" H "	Pvt.	F. Hutchins
" I "	"	M. A. Lothrop
" K "	"	M. H. Oliver

Voted, - to accept the report of the committee
 Voted That the President cast a ballot contain-
 ing the names as reported, to serve as officers
 of the association.

Voted That the next reunion be held at
 Boston Oct. 18th 1892.

Voted that a committee of two be appointed
 by the President to make arrangement with
 him and the secretary for the next reunion.
 The President appointed Comrade A. Bowman
 and F. M. Balcom to serve on the committee.

Voted that the thanks of the association be
 extended to Genl J. G. Foster Post 163 G. A. R.
 for their kindness for use of their hall
 during the Reunion of the Regiment.

Voted also ^{that} the thanks of the association be
 extended to the secretary for his services
 during the past year.

It being suggested that a photograph
 of those present at the next reunion be
 taken, it was voted that the matter be left

with the committee on arrangements,

The Roll being called the following comrades were found to be present,

Co. "A" 4
J. Tr. Upham
R. Packard
M. L. Bassett
H. A. Balcom

Co. "B" 17
Capt E. Garfy
Lieut. C. W. Dix
" C. C. Messer
Com. Sergt. M. F. Young
sergt. C. C. Kapelle
Corp. Geo. A. Adams
" Orville W. Booth
" B. Ford
" S. W. Wheeler
Musician J. H. Balcom
Priv. A. L. Brown
" C. B. Brown
" Gilbert Cook
" E. L. Davis
" L. Hosley
" W. Hunt
" G. A. Litchfield

Co. "C" 5
Corp. R. C. Jenkins
Priv. J. S. Hunt
" C. T. Peterson
" J. A. Parker
" Geo. H. Richards

Co. "D" 2
Priv. M. Nugent
" Geo. W. Graves

Co. "E" 21
Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
" G. A. Reed
Com. Sergt. J. H. Hall
Sergt. C. W. Parkhurst
Corp. S. R. Burroughs
" Geo. B. Gram
" A. Seaver
" C. A. Brooks
Priv. C. W. Darnall
" Geo. Flood
" J. W. Fiske
" W. S. Handley
" James Monroe
" C. P. Packard
" L. Smith
" E. B. Taft
" Saml. Whitney
" E. Wheeler
" John Wayne
" A. B. Wheeler
" George W. Sawyer

Co. F. 7
 Capt. J. F. Gray
 Sergt. Thomas D. Parrish
 Priv. Alonzo Bowman
 " A. L. Gilson
 " John Turner
 " A. L. Poole
 " Phillip Burke

Co. G. 4
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Corp. Geo. England
 " H. Sullivan
 Priv. P. F. Hogan

Co. H. 5
 1st Sergt. John F. Alexandria
 Sergt. J. R. Fulton
 Priv. Freeman Hutchins
 " Geo. Dole
 " John Brooks

Co. I. 5
 Priv. M. Beal
 " L. V. Clough
 " M. A. Lockwood
 " D. E. Worthley
 " Geo. W. Farrington

Co. K. 6
 Corp. W. K. Ingraham
 " Frank Young
 Priv. C. W. Daine
 " F. M. Balcom
 " M. H. Olvier
 " M. Patrick

After the Roll call then being no other business to come before the meeting it was Voted to adjourn

J. F. Upham
 Secretary

over

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So. Framingham Mass.*

THE OLD TWENTY-SIXTH.

Annual Reunion of the Veterans at South Framingham.

**Banquet—Speeches—Election—
Cheers—Greetings—Reports—
Deaths.**

South Framingham has always welcomed the visits of the old 26th Mass. Regt. Association, and the boys have always had a good time here. Monday, the 19th, the same association met here again—the association of which comrade Geo. A. Reed has been president. The free use of Grand Army hall was tendered them, and at 10.30 o'clock, in that place, President D. H. Hall of Acton called the association to order. Roll call showed eighty-two present. Secretary Jas. F. Upham of Boston read his report of the minutes of the last reunion, and Treasurer Madison Beal of Charlestown read his report. Nine deaths were reported for the year, the colonel of the regiment being among the number. The list includes:

List of Deaths.

Col. Chapman of Everett; Asst. Surgeon Dr. L. S. Fox of Lowell; Corp. Chas. Williams of Co. B of Groton; Chas. Morse of Co. E of Southboro; J. F. Blood of Co. E of Acton; Timothy Sheehan of Co. E of Concord Junction; Jacob Foss of Co. F of Boston; Thos. Sweetland of Co. C of —; Velorous Ward of Co. C of Woodville.

The election of officers followed, resulting as follows:

President.—Lieut. A. Starkweather of Co. G.

First Vice President.—Capt. L. J. Keyser of Co. F.

Second Vice Prest.—Alonzo Bowman of Co. F.

Secretary.—J. F. Upham of Co. A.

Treasurer.—Madison Beal of Co. I.

Executive Committee.—J. B. Wilson of Co. A, Gilbert Cook of Co. B, E. T. Peterson of Co. C, M. Nugent of Co. D, Wm. S. Handley of Co. E, Philip Burke of Co. F, H. Sullivan of Co. G, F. Hutchins of Co. H, M. A. Lothrop of Co. I, M. H. Oliver of Co. K.

It was voted to hold the next annual meeting in Boston on October 18, 1892, and Comrades Alonzo Bowman of Co. F, and Frank M. Balcom of Co. K, were made a committee with the president and secretary to arrange for it.

Gen. J. G. Foster Post 163, G. A. R., was accorded a vote of thanks for the use of the hall, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the secretary. It was suggested that a photograph of those present be taken at the next reunion.

Comrade A. L. Brown of Co. B, of Quinebog, stated that this was his first attendance at one of these reunions, and he was very enthusiastic at meeting his old comrades-in-arms.

The business being over, a recess was had until 1 o'clock, when all gathered in Masonic banquet hall in Smith block, where an excellent dinner of hot meats, fowl, vegetables, pies, pudding, fruit, ice-cream, etc., was set out by Caterer A. Wadsworth, whose dining rooms are in the same building. During the dinner hour Gen. Kimball of Fitchburg came in and was greeted with three hearty cheers. Gen. Kimball is the Republican nominee for state auditor.

After dinner President Hall called the company to order, and introduced Rev. E. W. Virgin of South Framingham as the first speaker. Mr. Virgin put considerable Methodist fire into his speech, setting the pace for those who followed, and he was heartily applauded. He spoke reminiscently, having been on the battlefield himself, and made loyalty to the flag his watchword. He paid a tribute to Comrade Geo. A. Reed, saying of him that, "A kinder heart doesn't live."

Comrade Reed—ex-president of the association—was next called upon. He had stood shoulder to shoulder with the boys, he said. We were boys then, and we are now. There is nothing else like the grip of the comrade's hand. Some of the boys have not prospered in life, but we like to meet them and cheer and encourage them on. We were promised great things when we went to the front, but the performance is not always as prompt. I've been three years on the board of selectmen of this town and I've stood up many a time for the soldiers. One member would say "Why, he drinks." I said, never mind; he risked his life in the dark days. We want to hang together as soldiers, throwing politics aside. I stood up in the legislature for the soldier, and I always will. I have never regretted joining the G. A. R., which I did at the request of George Patch.

Postmaster Capt. E. F. Phinney of South Framingham, said it seemed like a dream to look back to war times. He was in the old Third at Fortress Munroe. This 26th is an offspring of the old 6th, which first went through Baltimore with Butler. Every comrade is my comrade, and the ties which bind us together are stronger than those of any other society. As a humble representative of the government I can say what is perfectly evident to all, that the present administration is doing and has done everything possible for the old soldier, though there are many yet who have not got their rights.

The president-elect of the association—Lieut. Starkweather—thanked the boys for the honor conferred on him, and begged to be excused from a lengthy speech.

Col. Thos. W. Porter of the 14th Maine was received with three cheers. Maj. Wiswell of South Framingham was the major of his regiment. Col. Porter said he had been thinking of the events in the valley. On the 19th of September, '64, we had an interesting fight in which we were victorious, and one month after, October 19, just twenty-seven years ago today, was a day we'll never forget. The enemy charged our pickets and surprised us, and when night closed down one third of our men were killed, wounded, or prisoners. I hope justice will be meted out to the soldiers. Some have pensions who never left this state, while others who served four years have none yet. Some say "If you've lived this long after the war, you don't need a pension." Men should be pensioned by a general law based upon their service. Promises are easy when danger is nigh, but are easily forgotten afterwards.

Capt. Canby of Attleboro trotted out a story that made the boys roar, and testified to his pleasure at meeting the boys every year.

Gen. J. W. Kimball of Fitchburg felt he was in the company of old friends. He came near being a member of the 26th.

His regiment went through Baltimore three months after the old 9th. His command was beside the 26th in the stirring scenes at Leesburg, Ball's Bluff, Harper's Ferry, etc. He read a letter from Chaplain Chas. Babbit, and a tribute from Gen. J. W. Phelps to the 26th, and closed by reading some appropriate verses which had been dedicated to Gen. John A. Logan.

Drummer boy John Balcom of Ashland next spoke, and he read a letter from a southern officer in reference to two wounded Union officers.

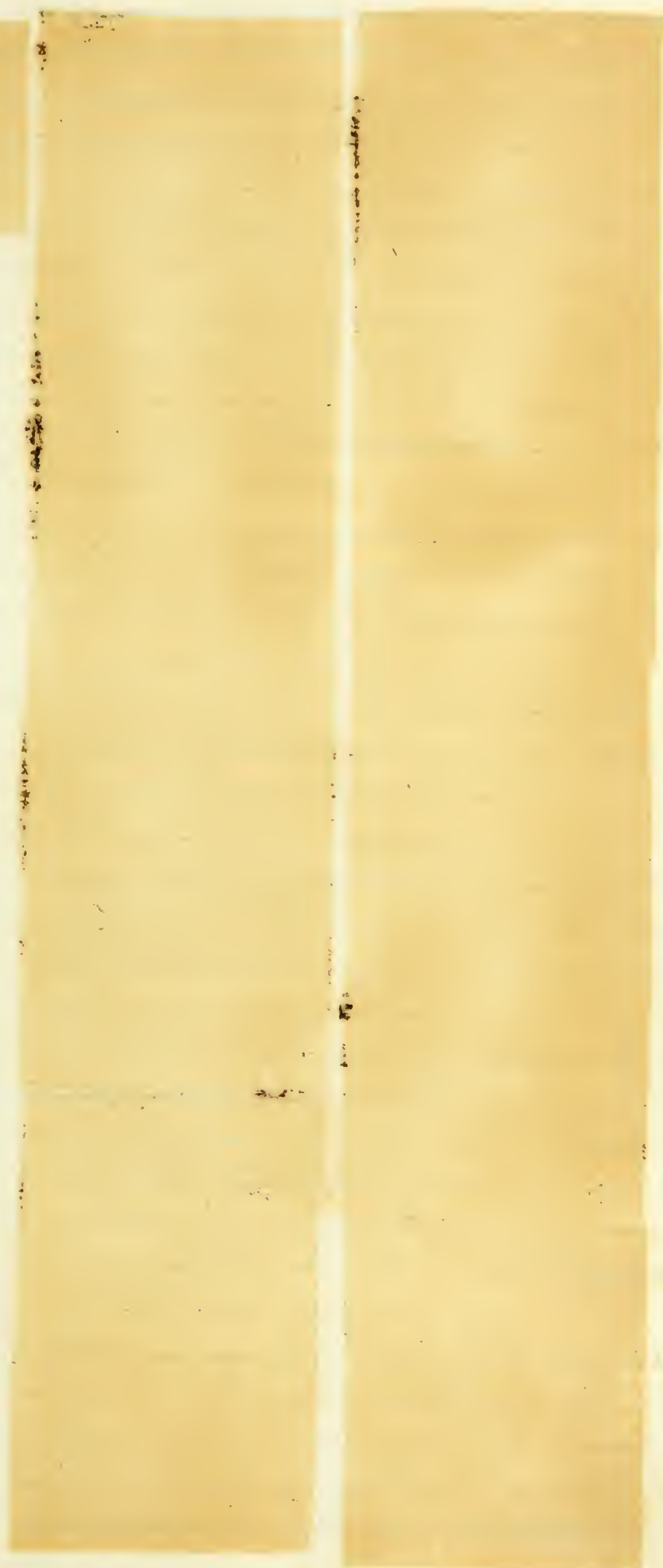
Comrade Luke Smith, aged 79, whose father was in the Revolution, and himself a member of the 26th, said a word, and was warmly received by the boys.

Secretary Upham was greeted with affection by his comrades, and he read letters from absent comrades: Capt. Cook of North Brookfield; Capt. Keyser; Sergeant C. W. Rieker, now in Texas; comrade Cushing of Trenton, N. J.; Watt O. Davis, John A. Riley, and one from their old commander, Col. Jones, now Lieut. Gov. of New York. Gov. Jones spoke of a recent surgical operation upon his eye, which compelled his seclusion for some time, and a vote of sympathy for him was passed and ordered forwarded.

A Lowell comrade spoke of his pleasure at being present, and thought these reunions a glorious privilege.

Lieut. C. P. Blodgett of Co. E. spoke briefly. He was introduced as one whom all loved.

Comrade Seaver of Co. E, who went from Woodville with a little band of twenty-five or thirty, spoke reminiscently. This closed the speechmaking, and after listening reverently to the benediction pronounced by Rev. E. S. Virgin, the comrades parted with many handshakes to meet next year in Boston.



Report of the 19th Annual Reunion of the
26th Mass. Regiment Association held at the
American House Boston Oct. 18th 1892

Meeting for Business was called to order
by the President A. Starkweather at 10.30 a.m.

Report read of the Secretary and accepted,
Report of the Treas. Madison Beal was also
read and accepted

The following members of the Regiment
who have died during the year were reported

Private	William H. Keenan	Co "C."
Sergh.	John M. Haynes	" "E"
	died in Florida	
Priv	J. E. Barbee	" "F"
	died at Soldiers Home Chelsea, Mass	
Sergh	Thomas Althaus	Co "G"
Priv.	R. Williams	Co "K" Apr. 1892

The business next in order being the election
of officers, it was voted that a committee
consisting of one from each company be
appointed and that they select and bring in
a list of names for the officers to serve
for the ensuing year, the committee appoint-
ed were as follows,

Co. A.	S. Resden	Co. F.	A. Bowman
" B.	E. L. Davis	" G.	Capt. J. Brady
" C.	E. T. Peterson	" H.	John F. Alexander
" D.	M. L. Wood	" I.	J. J. G. Ball
" E.	Robert Fletcher	" K.	Frank M. Belcon

Voted, That a recess be taken during the absence of the Committee

The meeting being called to order the Committee reported the following named Commanders as officers to serve for the ensuing year.

For President Madison Beal

1st Vice President Patrick F. Hogan

2nd " " Frank Young

Secretary James F. Upham

Treasurer D. H. Hall

Executive Committee

Co. "A"	S. Resden
" "B"	Lavin Hosley
" "C"	E. J. Peterson
" "D"	M. M. Woods
" "E"	Robt Fletcher
" "F"	Thomas D. Parrish
" "G"	Capt. James Brady Jr
" "H"	E. A. Sullivan
" "I"	E. M. Fitzgerald
" "K"	Chas. W. Darnie

Voted to Accept and adopt the report of the Committee.

Voted, That the Secretary cast a ballot with the names as reported, to serve as the officers of the Association,

The balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer not being sufficient to meet the expenses of the Reunion, it was Voted that a collection be taken to meet the same, the amt collected was \$6.33

The time and place of the next Reunion being the next business, it was

Voted That the same Committee that reported the list of officers, serve as a committee to retain and bring in the name of a place for the next Reunion

The Committee on their return, reported that the Reunion Oct 18th 1893 be held at Ayer Junction Mass.

Voted to accept and adopt their report,
Voted that a committee of 3 be appointed to arrange for the next Reunion,

Voted - That the committee be appointed by the Chair,

The Chair appointed Frank M. Balcom D. H. Hall and Gilbert Cook as the committee to arrange for the Reunion,

The Roll being called by the Secretary the following Comrades were found to be present

Co. A⁴
M. L. Basett
J. F. Upham
Alphonso Oakes
S. Resden

Co. B¹⁵
Lieut C. C. Messer
Corn. Sergt M. F. Grwig
Sergt C. C. Capelle
Corp. S. M. Wheeler
Musicians J. H. Balcom
Priv H. E. Achorn
A. B. Brown

Co. "B," continued

Gilbert Cook
E. L. Davis
Howard Gibson
S. W. Griffith
L. Horley
Wm Hunt
Benj M Parker
A. L. Brown

Co. "C" 4

Corp R. C. Jenkins
Musician W. E. Story
Priv J. L. Howard
E. F. Peterson

Co. "D" 1

Priv M. M. Ward

Co. "E" 14

Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
" Gen. A. Reed
Comd'g D. H. Hall
Serge E. W. Parkhurst
Corp. S. R. Burroughs
Musician J. H. Adams
Priv C. W. Descomb
Ross Fletcher
J. M. Fiske
L. Smith
Samuel Whitney
Everett White
John Wayne
Geo M Sawyer

Co. "F" 7

Capt. J. L. Keyser
Serge. Thomas D. Pamish
Corp T. B. Barnes
Priv. A. Bowman
John Turner
Chas. Huckins
A. L. Poole

Co. "G" 4

Capt. James Brady
Lieut A. Starkweather
Corp H. Sullivan
Priv P. M. Hogan

Co. "H" 3

Serge J. P. Alexander
" Geo. M. Frost
Priv E. A. Sullivan

Co. "I" 12

Corp J. J. G. Ball
" E. M. Fitzgerald
Musician C. W. Greenwood
Priv. Madison Beal
" L. V. Clough
" E. E. Drew
" M. A. Lothrop
" R. B. Thomas
" D. E. Worthley
" P. H. Rooney
" G. M. Framington
" P. Ward

Co. "K" 6	Co. D.	1
	" H.	3
Corp. W. E. Cole	" A	4
" M. K. Ingraham	" C	4
" Frank Young	" G.	4
" Co. M. Darne	" K	6
Pvt. Frank M. Balcom	" F.	7
" O. W. Balcom	" I	12
	" E.	13
	" B	15
Total present		69

Then being no other business to come before the meeting it was Voted to adjourn

Soon after the adjournment of the Business meeting the comrades assembled and marched into the large banquet hall, and partook of the bounties provided by the Hotel Proprietors, after the inner man was well satisfied, cigars were lighted, President Starkweather then called the comrades to order and then requested the Secretary to read letters of regret from our old Brigade Commander and members of the Regiment who were unable to be present.

Genl. J. W. McMillan's letter was full of reminiscences of the war, and praise to the old 26th for the heroism of its officers and men during Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah Valley.

Our old color Bearer Sergt. Co. M. Richer Co. "D" of Palestine Texas, with his letter of regret, sent a large Photograph of himself which was recognized by many of the comrades.

although taken at a recent date,

Lieut Ezra Farnsworth, now residing at Minneapolis Minn, although he could not be with us, sent his regards, and good luck to all the old comrades,

Comrade E. F. Cushing Co. H. of Trouton, N. Y. wrote that at 1 o'clock (our dinner hour) he will remember us, and will call to mind familiar scenes of Camp Chase, Ship Island, Cedar Creek and other places of interest to himself and the boys,

The letter of J. H. Cass Co. E. of Chicago was full of good wishes for the comrades, and he enclosed one dollar for a dinner ticket which he requested to be put where it would do the most good, he said he was proud that he had belonged to Co. E. 26th Mass Regt, although he did not join us on account of his youth until we won at Winchester in Feb 1865, he wanted to join the army earlier but was told that there was no room for boys,

Serge J. R. Slater of Co. "A" wrote that if there was anything on the face of the earth that he loved to meet it was the comrades with whom he toiled on the march, and suffered in the swamps, and faced the foe in the deadly conflicts, he sent his regards to all the comrades,

Comrade Charles L. Hall Co. "B" living at Elmira N. Y. sent his regards and closed by writing "God bless you all" and wished to be remembered by all, especially by Co. "B"

John A. Riley Co. "C" being sick and unable to write, his son wrote that his father wished to be remembered.

After the reading of the above letters, interesting experiences of the war and the encampment at Washington were related by the following comrades in the order named,

Capt. James Brady - Lieut. W. Starkweather our retiring President, - Alonzo Bowman - D. H. Hall - Frank M. Balcom - L. V. Clough - E. T. Peterson - H. D. Sullivan - Madison Beal our new President, L. Smith, J. J. F. Ball - W. Story and Lieut. S. P. Blodgett,

The exercises of the 19th Annual Reunion were then brought to a close.

J. D. Upham, secy.

Report of the 20th Annual Reunion of
the 26th Mass. Regt. Association held at Ayer
Junction Oct. 18th 1893

The Meeting for Business was held in
the Hall of Post 48 G. A. R. who kindly ten-
dred the use of their rooms during the reunion,
the President Madison Beal in the chair called
the meeting to order at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Report of the Secretary was read and
accepted

The Report of the Treasurer D. H. Hall
showing a bal of 19.30 on hand was read
and accepted,

The death of the following comrades
who have died since our last reunion were
reported,

Lieut Gen M. Winslow	Co. G, died in 1892
Asst Surg. L. M. Willis	Died at Charleston ^{Mass} Jan 18/93
Lieut W. W. Wood	Co. E, Died at Soldier's Home Chelsea Mass in 1892
Priv. Abram Handley	Co. "E" Died Nov. 4 th 1892
" James J. Litchfield "	" " No Record
" Thomas R. Alexander	Co. "H" Died at Brockton Mass in Jan 1893
" John Kennedy	Co. "K", Died at Fall River in 1892

The election of officers being the
next business in order, it was
Voted that a committee of one from
each company be appointed by the chair-
to return and bring in a list of names

of officers to serve for the ensuing year,
 Voted to take a recess during the ab-
 sence of the committee, on their return
 the meeting was called to order and they
 reported the following list of officers

For President
 Lieut. S. P. Blodgett

1st Vice President
 E. T. Peterson

2nd Vice President
 Gilbert Cook

Secretary James P. Upham

Treasurer D. H. Hall

Voted to accept and adopt the
 report of the committee,

Voted that the secretary deposit a
 ballot containing the names as
 reported by the committee, as officers
 to serve for the ensuing year,

Voted that the same committee
 return and bring us a list of names
 to serve as the Executive Committee,
 they reported as follows,

Geo. A. M. L. Bassett	Geo. T. A. Bowman
" B. Myron F. Young	" G. Patrick Hogan
" C. E. T. Peterson	" H. J. H. Alexander
" D. —	" I. L. E. M. Swan
" E. S. P. Blodgett	" K. Frank M. Balcom

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Committee

Voted That the secretary deposit a ballot containing the names of the Executive Com. as reported, to serve for the coming year,

Voted That a committee of one from each company be appointed and that they select and then report to the meeting the name of a place for our next Reunion.

Voted That the same Committee serve that recommended the list of officers, then being no one present belonging to Co D, the President appointed Comrade J. H. Balcom to represent them,

During the absence of the committee Corp W. M. Green related a number of incidents of the war, in connection with the service of Maj. Clark.

On the return of the Committee they recommended Lowell as the place for the next reunion,

Voted to accept and adopt their report,

Voted That we march to the Hotel for dinner by Companies,

Voted That a committee consisting of Comrades W. L. Bassett, J. F. Slater and Patrick Halpin serve as a committee for arranging for our next Reunion.

The Roll being called the following

comrades were found to be present

Co. "A" 8

C. H. Richardson
J. B. Upham
J. F. Slater
J. Packard
M. L. Bassett
H. A. Balcom
W. A. Johnson
H. W. Arnold

Co. "B" 22

R. C. Houghton
C. W. Dix
C. C. Messer
M. F. Goering
Geo. A. Adams
S. M. Wheeler
J. H. Balcom
A. B. Brown
Gilbert Cook
S. W. Griffith
Loring Horley
Wm. Hunt
G. A. Litchfield
Geo. H. Lawrence
Noah J. Moulton
Chas. Rock
Chas. P. Spertelle
Henry Corey
Chas. C. Prescott
Heum Wood
James O'Brien
Geo. A. Lacey

Co. "C" 3

John McAllister
E. J. Peterson
John A. Riley

Co. "D" none

Co. "E" 23

S. P. Blodgett
E. E. Haynes
Geo. A. Reed
D. H. Hall
S. R. Bonoughs
Geo. B. Cram
H. T. Fletcher
C. A. Brooks
Chas. M. Dascorub
Robt. Fletcher
Geo. Flood
J. W. Frike
Geo. Handley
James Monroe
Cyrus P. Pickard
L. Smith
Frank H. Stevens
E. Farbell
E. B. Taft
Samuel Whitney
A. B. Wheeler
Geo. W. Sawyer
Wm. S. Handley

Co. F. 7
 Thomas D. Parrish
 T. P. Barnes
 G. Bowman
 John Turner
 A. H. Durinels
 A. L. Poole
 John Foster

Co. K 7
 W. K. Ingraham
 Henry D. Potter
 Chas. W. Dams
 F. W. Balcom
 O. W. Balcom
 Walter D. Cerrane
 Meander Patrick

Co. G. 2
 A. Starkweather
 P. F. Hogan

Co. H. 2
 J. F. Alexander
 John Brooks

Co. I. 11
 Chas. M. Swain
 A. S. Ayer
 C. W. Greenwood
 M. Beal
 L. V. Clough
 Thomas A. Cook
 Mr. A. Lothrop
 B. K. Thomas
 E. E. Worthley
 Geo. W. Farrington
 Thomas A. Perry

Co. "D."	0
" "G."	2
" "H."	2
" "I."	3
" "J."	7
" "K"	7
" "A."	8
" "B"	11
" "C"	22
" "E."	23
Total	85

Resolved that the thanks of the association be extended to Post 48 G. A. R. of Ayer for their kindness in granting the use of their Hall for the business meeting of the association,

Mrs. Clark, widow of Maj. Clark and her two daughters Mrs. D. B. H. Hartwell of Ayer and Mrs. S. C. Brown of Manchester N. H., also Dr. Hartwell who had been invited to be our guests having arrived, were escorted into the Hall and to the platform, and given a warm reception by the boys, who had not forgotten our old Major who was fatally wounded while gallantly fighting with the Regiment against the Veteran troops of Gordon & Rhodes at Winchester in 1864.

Comrade Frank M. Balcom in a few well chosen words extended to them a Soldier's greeting, and briefly recalling some of the scenes and incidents connected with the services of Capt. Clark when the Regt. was organized, and afterwards his services as Major and the esteem the members of the Regiment had for him, also the great pleasure it gave us to meet at our Reunion the members of his family who were so near and dear to him, after the applause which followed the remarks of Comrade Balcom it was

Voted That Mrs. Clark be made an honorary member of the Association.

Dr. Hartwell being called upon, responded in appropriate remarks, thanking the comrades in behalf of Mrs. Clark and daughters for the enjoyment they had received in meeting so many of the men who had served with the loved husband and father, and the honor that Mrs. Clark had received in being made an honorary member of the Association.

after Dr. Hartwell's remarks an opportunity was had for the comrades to be introduced and shake hands with our guests, after the reception the meeting was called to order.

Comrade Augustus S. Ayer Esq. J. who attended our Reunion, for the first time, was called on to address the comrades, he said that as he could not speak, he would simply stand up to be seen, his unusual size may have been the cause of his timidity in addressing his old comrades, but to show that as a rule all our large men are not timid in speaking in public, the President called on Comrade Richardson to address the comrades, his remarks were quite interesting and amusing, especially his experience in coming to the Reunion, how that in his hurry to get to the train he forgot his pocket book, and had to borrow money enough of the man who sold the tickets at the depot, to pay his car fare, and to buy a Reunion dinner ticket, mentally he is a giant but physically he too is timid, as the little secretary had often demonstrated while in quarters at the Custom House in New Orleans.

At the close of Comrade Richardson's remarks, Mrs Clark and daughter and Dr. Hartwell retired from the Hall amid the cheers and applause from the comrades who had enjoyed so much pleasure from their visit, after they had retired there being no other business to come before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

Immediately after the adjournment of

business meeting, the comrades fell into line by companies and marched to the Taylor House where dinner was to be served, in front of which, the Regiment was halted and massed, to allow a photographer to focus his camera on the best looking band-box Regiment that served in the Gulf. Depth, the boys may have spoiled the negative, as they were impatient to get all the sumptuous dinner that had been prepared by landlord Mc Grail, after the photographer had folded his tripod, the boys marched in the large dining room, which if it had been twice as large they would not have been able to fill it, the Committee were not to blame as it was the best place to be had, as the comrades put up with all the little inconveniences, and put down all that landlord Mc Grail gave them, during the banquet the Secretary lost his piece of pumpkin pie which had been given him, but soon discovered it, disappearing as brain food for the man with the giant intellect, who sat opposite him.

After cigars had been lighted the President called the comrades to order and called on Dr. Hartwell and comrades Reed, Balcan, Hall and our new President L. S. P. Blodgett to address those present. Their remarks were full of interest, recalling many incidents and scenes that transpired from 61 to 65 and the pleasure that the surviving comrades have of meeting each other at our Annual Reunions, at the close of their remarks, letters were read

from absent comrades who were unable to be present

It becoming known that Genl. Jones was suffering from an inflammation of the eyes at his home at Binghampton N.Y. the following telegram was sent him

"Ayer Junction Oct 18 / 893

Comrade of the 26th Mass. Association
Send greeting to you in your affliction
signed J. F. Upham Secy.

After the exercises at the close of the dinner the comrades adjourned, and gathered about the Railroad Station and lighted their little camp fires, which were not extinguished until the last two separated for their homes.

J. F. Upham
Secretary

General Description of the Country	
Area	1,000,000
Population	1,000,000
Capital	London
Government	Monarchy
Religion	Anglican
Language	English
Climate	Temperate
Soil	Fertile
Vegetation	Deciduous
Animals	Domestic
Minerals	Coal
Manufactures	Textiles
Commerce	Import/Export
Transportation	Road/Rail
Education	Public/Private
Health	Good
Industry	Active
Progress	Steady
Prospects	Bright

Report of the 21st Annual Reunion of
the 26th Mass. Regiment Association held at
Lowell Mass Oct 15th 1894.

The Business Meeting was held in
the Hall of Ladd & Whitney Post 185 G.A.R.,
they having tented the use of their Hall
for that purpose, the President of the Association
Lieut. J. P. Blodgett in the chair, called
the meeting to order at 10.20 o'clock A.M.

The Report of the last Reunion was read
by the Secretary and accepted.

The Report of the Treas. D. H. Hall showing
a bal. of 154⁴⁰ was also read, it was voted
to accept the same and place it on file.

The next business in order, being the election
of officers, it was voted on motion of Comrade
Frank M. Balcom that a committee of one
from each Company be appointed, that they
retire, and then bring in a list of officers
to serve for the ensuing year, it was voted
that the Committee be appointed by the
Chair.

The chair appointed the following comrades
to serve on the Committee,

Co. "A" J. F. Slater	"F" Geo. E. Muzzey
"B" J. H. Balcom	"G" James Brady
"C" E. T. Peterson	"H" E. T. Cushing
"D" R. O. Houghton	"I" Chas. M. Swann
"E" Robt. Fletcher	"K" F. M. Balcom

Voted that a recess be taken during the absence
of the Committee.

The meeting was called to order on the
return of the Committee, they reported the
following named comrades as officers to
serve for the ensuing year.

For President Gilbert Cook.

1st Vice Pres. James R. Fulton 2nd Vice Pres. Martin L. Bassett.

Secretary James F. Upham.

Treasurer D. H. Hall

Voted that the Secretary cast a ballot containing the names as above reported, the Chair then declared them as elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Voted that the nominating committee return and bring in a list of names to serve as Executive Committee, they reported the following comrades

Co. "A" J. F. Slater	"F" Geo. H. Muzzey
"B" E. L. Davis	"G" P. Hogan
"C" E. T. Peterson	"H" E. F. Cushing
"D" R. O. Houghton	"I" L. V. Blough
"E" Robt. Fletcher	"K" Chas. W. Dams.

Voted that the report be accepted and adopted.

Voted that the secretary deposit a ballot containing the above named comrades, the Chair then declared them as elected.

The place for the next reunion being the next business in order, a motion was made and seconded that it be held at So. Frammingham, after considerable discussion the motion was amended and it was Voted that the Reunion be held at Lawrence Mass. Oct. 18th 1894

Voted, that the comrades who reside at Lawrence constitute a committee to arrange for our next Reunion,

Voted that Comrade Patrick Hogan be chairman of the committee on arrangements,

The Roll being called, the following comrades were found to be present.

Field and Staff. Adj't. Geo. E. Davis

Co. "A" 13

Capt. Geo. M. Dickerman
Lieut. G. H. Richardson
" Chas. F. Emerson
Serg't. J. F. Slater
Corp. J. Packard
Priv. Martin L. Packard
Patrick Halpin
Chas. M. Kent
Alphonso Oakes
Fred E. Sprague
Roscarior Brown
W. W. Arnold
J. F. Upham

Co. "B" 13

Capt. R. O. Houghton
Comd'g't. M. F. Young
Serg't. G. B. Capelle
Corp. Geo. A. Adams
" O. W. Booth
" H. M. Green
" S. W. Wheeler
Musician J. H. Balcom
Priv. A. B. Brown

Co. "B" continued

Priv. Gilbert Cook
E. L. Davis
Loni Hosley
G. A. Litchfield

Co. "C" 2

Musician H. E. Storey
E. F. Peterson

Co. "D." none

Co. E. 22

Lieut. S. P. Blodgett
Comd'g't. D. H. Hall
Corp. S. R. Burroughs
" Geo. B. Cram
Musician J. H. Adams
Priv. J. E. Brown
" G. A. Brooks
" Robt. Fletcher
" Geo. Flood
" James Monroe
" Cyrus P. Pickard
" Luke Smith

Co. "E." Continued
 Demi Sheeham
 Saml. F. Teale
 C. B. Taft
 Saml. Whitney
 Everett Wheeler
 John Wayne
 Addison B. Wheeler
 Mason Wheeler
 Geo. W. Sawyer
 John Holmes

Co. "F." 10
 Capt. J. A. Troy
 Sergt. Geo. H. Muzzey
 " Thomas D. Parish
 Priv. Alonzo Bowman
 " Elmer Dane
 " A. L. Gilson
 " C. H. Giles
 " John Turner
 " A. H. Dwinelle
 " A. L. Poole

Co. "G." 3
 Capt. James Brady
 Lieut. A. Starkweather
 Priv. Patrick Hogan

Co. "H." 5
 Sergt. J. F. Alexander
 " J. R. Fulton
 Priv. E. F. Cushing
 " Walter M. Fulton
 " John Brooks

Co. "I." 6
 Lieut. Chas. M. Swain
 Priv. L. V. Clough
 " Alfred Hyde
 " B. R. Thomas
 " D. E. Worthley
 " E. Sullivan

Co. "K." 5
 Corp. E. L. Goddard
 " J. T. Hammond
 " Frank Young
 " Chas. W. Dame
 Priv. Frank M. Balcom

Total 80

Comrade Green introduced the subject of having a Reunion of all the organizations in the state, who served in the war, it was moved and seconded that a committee of 3 be appointed to correspond with the secretaries of the different organizations throughout the state in regard to a State Reunion, after the subject had been thoroughly debated, it was voted to lay the matter on the table,

Voted that the thanks of the association be extended to Post 185 for the use of their Hall for the Business meeting,

A motion was made and seconded that the wives and children of the comrades be invited at our next reunion, after an animated discussion of the subject, the motion was defeated,

Voted that the comrades assemble at 12:20 o'clock and march to the American House when dinner was to be served,

Voted to adjourn,

at the hour appointed the comrades assembled at the Grand Army Hall and marched to the American House, and partook of the bounties prepared by the proprietors, during the exercises following the dinner the following deaths were reported of comrades who have died during the year.

Sergh.	Joseph Field	Co. "A"	Died	May 11/1894
Priv.	Watts E. Davis	" "D"	"	Sept. 12 "
Lieut.	E. E. Staines	" "E"	"	July "
Priv.	Wm. S. Handley	" "	"	Feb. 20 "
"	Cornelius Doyle	" "F"	"	date not known

Private Stearns L. Ripley Co. "H." Sept 20 "1894
 1st Sergt. Menzies Butler " " " " Aug. 29 " "
 Priv. Matthew H. Oliver " " " " Nov. 9 " 1893
 Col. and Undercook J. O. Dean " " " " Dec. 17 " "

Also, the death of our old Commander in
 the Gulf Dept. Genl. A. P. Bank who died
 Sept 14 1894

From the Lowell Mail Oct. 19 "1895.

History of the Regiment.

The 26th Regiment was the outcome of the old and famous Sixth Regiment which marched through Baltimore. When the 26th was formed it was desired by many to retain the old name (Sixth) but this was not allowed by the state and the new name was assigned the regiment. In September and August of 1861, the 26th Regiment was recruited, there being ten companies of 100 men each which included many who had been in the glorious old Sixth. Col. Jones who had been in command of the old Sixth was placed in command of the 26th when it was mustered in Oct. 18, 1861. A. B. Farr of Lowell was lieutenant colonel, and Major Sawtelle of Lowell was next in command. Camp Chase which stood where a portion of Lowell Fair Grounds now stands was the starting point and the start was indeed a glorious one.

The regiment was assigned to duty under General Butler and took a prominent part in the engagements at Ship Island near the Gulf of Mexico.

A Distinguished Member.

"Who is that grand old man?" asked the MAIL representative of the chairman, pointing to a man whose pleasant face and long white locks gave him the appearance of a man among men.

"That is Comrade Luke Smith of Acton, whose age is 82 years," was the reply. "He was a member of Company E of the 26th and made a grand record in the numerous engagements in which he took part. Even before he went off with the 26th he had returned from a field of brilliant achievements with the old and famous Sixth Regiment. Not only is he a prominent veteran but he has the honor of being the son of a man who fought valiantly at Concord bridge."

A Young Appearing Man.

Another man who attracted considerable attention was Comrade Edward F. Cushing of Lowell. It appeared strange that such an apparently young man as he could have served in the war of over 30 years ago. Such was the case, however, and Mr. Cushing told a MAIL representative that he enlisted when only 13 years of age and carried a musket through the four years. When asked how it was that he was allowed to carry a musket at such a tender age, Mr. Cushing said he was so tall and ungainly that anyone would think him several years older than he was.

The Banquet.

Promptly at 12.30 the comrades sat down to the excellent dinner after Divine blessing had been invoked by Rev. Dr. Seymour.

After the dinner, buttons were passed to each member bearing this inscription: "Twenty-sixth Massachusetts Regiment Association, Lowell, Mass." These were the gift of Lieut. C. H. Richardson, agent of the Appleton Mills. They were much appreciated as was shown by the three rousing cheers and a tiger Mr. Richardson received.

Secretary Upham then called to order and read letters from absent members, all of whom had good excuses to offer for not being present.

Chairman Blodgett then made a brief address in which he expressed hope that all should enjoy many more such occasions. He then announced as the first number on the programme a cornet solo by Miss Gertrude Pratt which was received with a perfect ovation of applause. After a telegram had been read from George A. Reade of Saxonville,

Dr. R. G. Seymour

was introduced. He said he would call the men comrades, for in his soldier days, his duties lay in the same direction as the 26th Massachusetts Regiment. The speaker did not know as he could say anything new but he could say something about old events that would perhaps be just as interesting. The purpose of these reunions, he thought, was to revive old memories. Reference was here made to old Fort Sumpter, General Anderson and the old Appomattox court house, which the speaker understood had been removed to another place. He did not like that very much, as he had rather see the old building in its old place. I like these reunions, said he, and I get around with the boys quite often. I like them because they seem to be rather typical of what I am to do in the heavenly world. I am not so sure as some men of getting there, but I want to go there and when I do go there I want to be able to see all of my comrades there. [Applause.] I am so sensible concerning that great historical event which swept the country, that it makes me really happy to be here. Of course there is much to be thought of between

Fort Sumpter and Apomattox,

but there is not time for me to recall it and another thing is that you all know more about that than I do. When I found that you were at Ship Island, I felt sorry for you [laughter] for I knew on that narrow strip how many had been confined. We cannot help thinking in all of these reunions of that glorious man, whom all of us would be willing to follow. That man is Abraham Lincoln. [applause] I know, said the speaker, several stories concerning Abe Lincoln, but I do not want to weary you with them [cries of tell them, tell them].

Well I will tell them, said Dr. Seymour, and he told several anecdotes concerning "Old Abe." Each anecdote was received with the heartiest applause. We want that spirit of Sherman, of Grant, and of Lincoln, that when we are in tight places, you if alive, will do your best to help us out. We have seen what great Garfield's character was and what was the character of old Joe Hooker, the man who won the victory among the clouds [applause]. When Lincoln was assassinated, the speaker was in New Orleans and there heard

The Classic Oration

delivered on Lincoln's life by General Banks in the presence of Union soldiers and rebels.

Reference was here made to General Butler and "the Dutch Canal" and the speaker said the general's name is never thought of unless the "spoons" are also recalled. [Laughter.]

Other generals were mentioned and each name was received with tremendous applause. An allusion was also made to our national flag which proclaims today liberty to all and which now is a potent factor from one end of the world to the other. Its red stripes recall to us the sacrifices that were made during those trying hours and the white stripes denote the purity of our country from end to end.

I saw physicians leave their patients, lawyers leave their clients and students leave their books, and these are all examples of sacrifice. When I look at you who have lost an arm, a leg or have been injured in any way, I cannot help thinking of the sacrifices you have made. But it is all over now and my wish is that you live long to enjoy the results of the sacrifices that you and others have made. May you live on until the great commander of all nations, the captain of all salvation, will say to you, "Well done—enter thou into the gates." [Prolonged applause.]

The assemblage was then favored with reading by Miss Flora McMaster, entitled "Keenau's Charge," which struck the right chord, as was shown by the applause with which it was received.

James V. Upham Secretary

Comrade Charles H. Richardson

was the next speaker and referred to his recent southern trip where he saw a large plantation which was a complete ruin. A man there asked him about a certain regiment which he described as "hounds." The man had hens and calves without number, and one of these "hounds" robbed the plantation of everything. Well, the man told me, said Mr. Richardson, that he afterwards found out something about the one man who had been responsible for the thefts. After the war he went home and became a minister. [Laughter and applause.] Dr. Seymour's name was mentioned but Mr. Richardson spoke up for Dr. Seymour and said he was not the man. [More laughter.]

Reference was made to the storm of shot and shell at Ship Island and the heroic stand taken by Farragut and his men, in wooden ships but with hearts of steel. After that glorious sight came the days of torture in the swamps. Here events were reviewed from the Potomac to the hurried march across the country to fight under General Sheridan. Just 33 years ago today we were mustered in, but I presume many of our number feel just as young as before they became grandfathers. [Laughter.] But for all that, the speaker was glad to see so many of the men retaining the fire and vigor of youthfulness and in closing expressed the wish that this would continue for years to come.

The assemblage was here favored with another cornet solo by Miss Pratt.

Then came the roll call of the members who have died during the year by Secretary Upham.

Then came the "taps" on the cornet by Miss Pratt.

"The Shenandoah Valley Campaign"

was next treated in a very valuable paper by Comrade D. H. Hall. The description was very graphic and every detail was treated in a thorough manner.

The remainder of the programme was as follows: Cornet solo, Miss Morse; essay, "The ration of beef," Comrade Bassett of Lowell; poems by Comrades B. D. Hall of West Acton and Fulton of Lowell; remarks by Comrade Packard of Milbury and others.

Comrade N. E. Storey

of Charlestown was induced to tell his adventure with the first rebel flag ever seen in New England. Just after the regiment had been mustered in and was camping at Camp Chase a rebel flag was noticed one sunny morning flying from the topmost branch of an old oak tree on Fort Hill. Colonel Jones ordered Comrade Storey who was then acting drum major, to get that flag and give it to him. The flag was placed there by friends of the secessionists and had in some manner come from the South as it was the regulation flag. Comrade Storey made haste to get it, but the man who put it up saw him coming and cut it down to save it. He then ran with it but it took Storey only a short time to overtake him. Then there was a hand to hand encounter, but as in the war itself right conquered, though both men were badly used up. The blood from Storey's nose spattered all over the flag and the marks of it are discernible today. Storey delivered the flag to Colonel Jones, who kept it until a few years ago when he gave it back to the man who so courageously took it. Now there is nothing that Comrade Storey prizes higher than that flag.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the festivities ceased and all gave three cheers for one of the most successful reunions ever held by the 26th Regiment.

On departing it was voted that each member be a committee of one to work for the success of the reunion next year, which will be in charge of Comrade Hogan as chairman, assisted by the other members living in Lawrence.

Battle of Cedar Creek.

The following is the poem read by Comrade Fulton on the battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864:

Comrades and friends of sixty-one,
Year after year has come and gone,
Till thirty-three their course have run.
Since the first blood at Baltimore.

Comrades, I am not here to tell
What you already know so well,
How Needham, Ladd and Whitney fell,
Our earliest gift for Liberty.

I came to speak of days that sped
Long after those three martyrs bled,
Of fields strewn o'er with patriots dead,
Who died for home and country,

Of days of carnage, toil and pain,
Of weary march through sun and rain,
To Cedar Creek's dark bloody plain,
Of sad but glorious memory.

By that quiet stream day after day,
Its peaceful murmurings charmed our stay,
The army of the valley lay,
Resting in false security.

The foe on Fisher's Hill is seen,
Where he so lately whipped had been,
What now his game we could not plan
Though we were watching carefully.

At Opequam one month before
Where North and North their blood did pour,
And rebel hopes received a score
That shook the sham confederacy.

Now thus we were not long to stay,
For soon came that historic day,
When many a patriot soldier lay
In death, in bleeding agony.

'Twas an October's misty morn,
Just as the light of day was born,
From left to right the knell was borne,
By a loud roll of musketry.

To arms! to arms! Then rolled the drum,
'Tenthion Brigade, the foe they come,
And louder yet their valleys hum
As we stood there impatiently.

Now hark! that crazy Rebel yell,
As if the fiends broke loose from Hell,
Were shrieking forth a wild farewell
To human hope eternally.

We are surprised. The foe has turned
Our left and flanked us. How we burned
With rage and shame. We sadly mourned
And left our works dependently.

Again we faced that storm of death,
Entombed in fiery sulphurous breath.
But all in vain our hope, our faith
Droopt 'mid the awful revelry.

Yet nearer, louder, came that cry
Which rent the air from earth to sky,
To stand that storm, to do or die,
Was hopeless imbecility.

Before that ruthless horde we're driven
And droopt our flag, now torn and riven,
While round our path like fire from heaven,
The shot and shell pour fatally.

To rally our boys some colonels tried.
'Twas vain; their orders were defied.
Each comrade lookt to each and sighed,
Where, Where, Oh! Where is Sheridan?

That brave young leader was away,
(Full well old Larry knew that way)
When he returns what will he say
To this defeat inglorious?

A straggling mass we now are pressed,
Harrassed, dejected and oppressed,
Weary and faint from wounds undressed,
We plod our way most hopelessly.

Hark! The wild cheers that cleave the air,
What mean they? Who is coming here?
A foaming coal black steed is there—
Hurrah! Hurrah! 'Tis Sheridan!

What means all this? our hero cried.
This when I'm gone—Come, stem this tide.
Where is that prowess lately tried
At Fisher's Hill and Winchester?

Come, face the other way, my men,
We'll fight them now and lick them; then
We are going back to camp again,
If you will only follow me.

As if by wizard's magic wand
That weary crowd came to a stand.
Each grasped his musket firm in hand
And faced the exultant enemy.

Now o'er the plain line forms on line
With solid front. An army fine
Moves out in splendid battle line
And stopt the Johnnies suddenly.

Now fight like men, ye treacherous crew,
Prepare for death, your deeds review,
You slaughtered our brave Boys in Blue
While they were sleeping peacefully.

Then raged the carnage. Firm they stood,
Closed up their ranks as fast they could
For many a foe lay bathed in blood
By our death dealing musketry.

Peal after peal, war's music rolled,
O'er wood and plain with woe untold,
To many a home, to many a fold,
In this sweet land of liberty,

And shook the mountain and the glen
With cannon's roar and tramp of men,
And rush of horse through wood and fen.
On, on to death or victory.

The day is ours, on comrades, on.
They waver. See their line is gone.
Now forward and the battle's won.
Hurrah! for Little Sheridan.

That heap falls back. They turned and ran
And then a bloody scene began.
Twas awful thus to slaughter man
In this the nineteenth century.

The old camp is gained, yet on we go,
To harass still the flying foe,
Till darkness wraps this vale of woe
In silent deathly solitude.

The morning saw that rebel host
In flush of triumph, taunt and boast,
And when the sun set all was lost
In ruin dire disastrous.

A triumph, comrades for the cause
Of freedom, Union and their laws.
Let earth rejoice with land applause,
America and Liberty.

Now comrades dear, our hair is gray,
Our ranks grow less each eizh cenin day,
But while we live let's meet this day
To tell this wondrous history.

Our greatest leaders all have gone,
The rank and file are following on,
With faltering steps we move along
To the eternal camping ground.

We ask, not for the mead of praise
For duty done in those dark days,
Our path was clear to save and raise
Our country from dismemberment.

Then wave old glory, freedom's light,
Thy stripes and stars with lustre bright,
Proclaim o'er land and sea thy might
And Columbia's ascendancy.

Report of the 22^d Annual Reunion
of the 31st Mass Regiment Association, held
at Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 18, 1895

The meeting for business was held
in Northam Hall off Post 39 U. S. A. R. Gilbert
Cook, who was elected President at our
last Reunion having died during the
year, 1st Vice President James K. Sullivan
presided, calling the meeting to order at
11.20 o'clock.

The report of the Sec. was read and
accepted.

The Treasurer not being present
to make his report, the Chair called for the
list of those who had died during the year.
The Secretary reported the following comrades:

Pres. Gilbert Cook	Co. B.	Died Feb. 16, 95
Alva Richardson	Co. B.	Died Feb 22, 1894
James H. Babbitt	" C.	" 1894 or 1895
R. C. Linkine	" C.	" May 13, 1895
Timothy P. Barnes	" F.	" July 1895
Phillip Burk	" F.	" May 2, 1895
J. B. Campbell	" B.	" 1894 or 1895
James C. Winn	" H.	" Oct. 1 st 1895

The next business in order
being the election of officers, it was voted
that a committee of one from each Company
be appointed, that they retire and bring
in the names of officers to be balloted
for.

Voted that the committee be
appointed by the Chair, who appointed the
following comrades:

Co. A.	J. Slater	Co. E	A. B. Wheeler
" B.	C. C. Messer	" F.	A. E. Gibson
" C.	E. J. Peterson	" G.	A. Starkweather
" D.	J. J. Cloyd	" H.	E. J. Cushing

Co. J L V Clough Co. K J. M. Balcom
 Voted to take a recess during the
 absence of the committee. On their return
 the meeting was called to order, the com-
 mittee reported the names of the following
 comrades to serve as officers for the ensuing
 year.

For President, James R. Fulton.
 1st. Vice Pres. Martin L. Bassett. 2nd V. P. Amos J. Jones
 Secretary Edwin J. Cushing Treas. G. H. Hall.

Voted to accept the report of the com-
 mittee and that the Secretary cast a ballot
 containing the names as reported. The Pres.
 then declared them as elected.

Voted that the same comrades who
 served as Executive Committee last year,
 serve for the ensuing year, and that the Sec.
 cast a ballot containing their names. The
 President declared them as elected.

The place for the Reunion for 1896
 being the next business in order, a motion
 was made by Comrade Messer, and seconded,
 that it be held at Boston. After a short dis-
 cussion the motion was put, and lost. A
 motion was then made and seconded that it
 be held at S. Framingham. Comrade Hogan
 moved an amendment that it be held
 at Fall River, which was defeated. The
 original motion then being put it was voted
 that it be held at South Framingham.

Voted that a committee of three (3)
 be appointed by the chair to arrange for the
 next Reunion. The committee appointed
 were as follows.

J. H. Balcom
 H. J. Upham
 J. M. Balcom

H. A. Reed.

The Treasurer, J. H. Hall having arrived, made his report showing a balance on hand of \$1.20. Accepted the Roll being called the following Comrades responded.

Field & Staff 1

Geo. E. Davis.

Co. A - 8

Co. E. Continard

C. H. Richardson

L. Smith

J. F. Slater

Samuel Whiting

Martin P. Bassett

John Hayer

Patrick Halpin

Edison B. Wheeler

Chas. M. Kent

Co. H. - 1

Daniel Keating

J. F. Troy

E. A. Sawyer

Elmer Lane

J. V. Whelan

A. L. Wilson

Co. B - 8

C. H. Giles

Chas. C. Murre

John Turner

Myron J. Young

A. H. Dwinelle

A. C. Capelle

A. L. Poole

A. B. Brown

Co. G. - 4

E. L. Davis

Capt. James Brady

Lorin Hasley

A. Starkweather

Wm. Hunt

Thompson Sullivan

H. J. White

Patrick J. Hegan

Co. C - 5

Co. H. - 1

Geo. H. Richards

J. F. Alexander

C. E. Porcheran

J. R. Fulton

H. E. Story

E. J. Cushins

E. J. Peterson

W. M. Fulton

E. A. Newton

H. Hutchins

Co. D - 1

E. A. Sullivan

J. F. Lloyd

Co. I - 5

Co. E - 8

Chas. J. Matthews

D. H. Hall

C. H. Greenwood

C. A. Brooks

L. F. Clough

Robt. Fletcher

L. E. Northley

James W. Fiske

E. Sullivan

Co. K. - 4 }
 4. J. Estabrook }
 4. K. Ingraham } Total 5 /
 4. H. Damm }
 4. M. Balcom }

In reading the report of the last reunion by the Secretary, he read a poem on Cedar Creek, composed and read by Sergt. J. R. Fulton the President elect of the Association, on motion by Comrade Fletcher a vote of thanks was extended him for its excellence, and the pains he had taken in preparing the same.

Voted that a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring Secretary for his services in the past.

Voted that the thanks of the Association be extended to Post 34 G. U. R. for the use of their Hall for a business meeting.

Voted to adjourn

The Comrades fell in line soon after the business meeting adjourned and marched to the Essex House, where an excellent dinner was served, which was followed by speeches by Congressman Knox, Rev. J. A. Whetlan, Mr. Burk, Supt. of the Schools, Mr. Damm, Principal of the Grammar School, Mr. Eaton, Comrade Richardson and others.

James H. Upham, Secretary.

Report of the 23rd Annual reunion
of the 26th Mass Regiment association held at
South Framingham Mass Oct 17. 1896

The meeting for business was held in
the hall of Gen J. H. Foster Post #163 G. A. R.

Meeting called to Order by President James R.
Fulton at 10.30 a.m. The records of the
last meeting was read by the Secretary and
on motion being made they were allowed.

The treasurers report showed a deficit
of \$3.81.

The President then called for the
deaths of the year

The Secretary reported as follows	
Isaac Peabody Co A.	Died Nov 1895
F. A. Wardell " K	" Aug 1895
John A. Riley " C	" Jan 5 1896
Geo W. Farrington " I	" June 1 1896
Loring Hosley " B	" Mch 17 1896
Geo M. Kimball " D	" 1882
Geo T. Cowles " K	" Sept 22 1896

The next business was the
calling of the roll. the following Com-
rades responding

Co A. 4
Lt James F. Upham
Martin L. Barsett
Lt. Chas H. Emerson
Fred E. Shrague

Co B. 7
Capt A. C. Loughston
Sergeant Merion Goins
Sergeant C. E. Cahell

Co C. 12
Capt Orville W. Booth
William Lunt
G. A. Litchfield
A. B. Brown
Co C. 4
N. E. Story
E. A. Newton
J. A. Parker
O. T. Peterson

Co D. 1
 Geo W. Graves
 Co E. 13
 Lt S. P. Blodgett
 Geo A. Reed
 Com Sgt D. H. Hall
 Corp Geo B. Gram
 Robt Fletcher
 James W Fiske
 George Handley
 C. A. Brooks
 James Monro
 Geo W. Sawyer
 Saml Whitney
 Addison B. Wheeler
 Mason Wheeler
 Co F. 3
 Thomas D. Parrish
 Alonzo Bauman
 John Turner
 Co G. 4
 Capt James Brady
 Lt A. Starkweather
 Sgt Chas P. Hoar
 Andrew Garvey

Co H. 6
 Sgt John F. Alexander
 James A. Fulton
 John Brooks
 Edwin F. Lushington
 Walter M. Fulton
 C. A. Sullivan
 Co I. 6
 Lt Chas M. Surin
 Sgt Bern D. Willard
 Madison Beal
 L. V. Plough
 M. A. Lothrop
 D. C. Wenthley
 Co K. 3
 Frank M. Balcom
 Fredk. Coston
 Wm K. Ingraham
 Total 51

The next business in order was the election of officer for the ensuing year

On motion a Committee of 5 was appointed by the Chair to retire and in a list of Candidates to be balloted for officers for the ensuing year

The Chair appointed as follows

Capt James Brady	Co G
Lt James F. Upham	Co A
Geo W. Graves	Co D
Lt A. Starkweather	Co G

Sergt L. C. Calkell Co B

Upon return of the Committee their Chairman Capt Brady reported as follows
For President James R. Fulton Co H

" Vice " Martin L. Barrett Co A

" Secretary Edwin F. Cushing Co H

" Treasurer D. H. Hall Co E

On motion being made and carried the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot bearing the above names for officer for the ensuing year. the Secretary cast the ballot. the President declared them elected.

The next business in order was the next place of meeting

Comrade Whham moved that we meet in Lowell, Mass. On the motion being put it was unanimously voted. that we meet in Lowell Mass Oct 18, 1897

Comrade Whham moved that a Committee of 3 be appointed by the Chair to arrange for the next reunion. Carried

The Chair appointed as follows

Martin L. Barrett Co A

Geo F. Slater Co A.

Chas H. Richardson Co A.

On Motion of Comrade Emerson it was voted that a vote of thanks be extended to Gen & G. Foster Post 163 G. A. R. for the privilege of using their rooms.

as there was a deficit of \$381. on motion being made by Comrade Fiske it was voted that a Collection be taken wh. result of Collection \$12.25. Comrade Barrett having entered the Hall the President called on him to give an account of himself he responded by telling one of his look house stories much to the amusement of all.

Comrade Altham called the attention of the Comrades to a Corn Stalk Canoe that was sent to him a year ago from Capt Seth Bonney now residing at Elkridge Landing Md. with a request that it be given to the oldest member. It was voted that Comrade Luke Smith Co E. 84 years of age should have the canoe. as Comrade Smith was absent on account of sickness it was voted that Comrade James W Fiske of Co E. convey the canoe to him.

On motion of Comrade Walter M. Fulton it was voted that the Secty send Capt Bonney a letter of thanks for his remembrance.

Comrade Walter M. Fulton then gave an interesting story of how we used to float logs down from the upper end of Ship Island Miss.

Comrade Reed of Co E was captured and brought in and made a few remarks that were received with much applause.

at 12 M the business meeting came to a close. the Comrades to meet at 12.15 for the annual dinner.

at 12.15 the Comrades fell in promptly and took up the line of march for the banquet hall.

Assembled around the festive board the President called on Comrade Walter M. Fulton for the divine blessing after which the Comrades fell to. after one hours struggle with cold meats and 7 kinds of pie the president rapped for order. and the speaking commenced. This was one of the most sociable reunion.

Edwin F. Lushery
Secretary

See newspaper reports on next page.

President Fulton was toastmaster and welcomed all to the twenty-third reunion. Congratulations were certainly in order on such an occasion and all should feel well pleased. He hoped these gatherings would be kept up as long as there was a single member of the association left.

Secretary Cushing then read a few replies from members unable to be present, all extending regrets because of their inability to be present and expressions of hope that the affair would be successful. Letters came from Washington, D. C., Minneapolis, Minn., Warsaw, Indiana, Seattle, Washington, Biddeford, Me., New Orleans, La., California, Austin, Texas and elsewhere.

Among the replies received was one of especial interest, coming from Alice C. Risley of West Plains, Mo., a native of Townsend, Mass., who went south with her father and mother before the war. After the war opened, Mrs. Risley's father, Mr. Farmer, escaped and joined the Union army and her mother and herself, in the summer of 1862, came down the Mississippi to New Orleans, in a boat, refugees, and fell in with northern troops, becoming especially attached to the 26th Mass. Mrs. Farmer and Miss Alice nursed among the Union troops, and after the war the daughter became Mrs. Risley. In answer to secretary Cushing's invitation to attend the reunion, she wrote the following interesting letter:

Mrs. Risley's Letter.

WEST PLAINS, MO., Oct. 4, '96.

Dear Comrade Cushing:

An invitation to attend the twenty-third reunion of the 26th Massachusetts, at South Framingham, is before me. How much genuine pleasure it would give me to accept this invitation cannot be told. I cannot think of a greater pleasure than to meet with the boys of the old twenty-sixth.

Memory goes back to the summer of 1862, when you were quartered in Lafayette square, with the regimental hospital just across the street, Dr. Bradt in charge, Ed. Tarbell nurse. I well remember the first time mother and I went there, inquiring whether there was "anybody here from Townsend?" And there was George Adams, Loren Hosley, Warren Clark and, in fact, dear old Co. B. I believe in time we knew every one of that company. Next in our affections came Co. E. Before they left the custom house I think we knew some one in every company of the regiment.

The 26th Massachusetts has always been "Our first love," among the various regiments our hospital experience brought us. We loved them all. Only a girl thrown among them as I was, a refugee from home, with no girl friends, can realize how dear you boys were to me. There's Charlie Hall, with his handsome brown eyes and curly hair, and Charlie Brown, the first soldier we took out of the hospital and nursed back to life, only to give it up on the bloody field of Winchester, and handsome Frank W. Wood of Co. B., Cor. Titus, Stephen Knight, the Wilders and others of E, not leaving out yourself of H. O! how I would like to meet with you. I would miss dear old Maj. Clark, Trueman Bates, Frank Stevens, Seagrave Spaulding and Loren Hosley; but it would be a life's treat to meet those of you who will be there.

As I look out of the window, I wish I could see Warren Clark and Billy Hunt (the long and short of it) coming up Julia or Bacchus streets. So many memories crowd each other as I go over the old days, that my inability to attend your reunion is painful to me.

Mother and I enjoyed meeting Loren Hosley at Louisville, and we anticipated meeting again in St. Paul.

Of us three, I only am left. They have passed the picket line and camped in the great beyond.

My comrade, the memory of those old days of '62 to '65, fills me with so much pain and pleasure I cannot write of them as I would wish. My feelings are inexpressible; perhaps you know how it is and can comprehend what I am unable to write. Tell all who remember me, that Alice sends them her love and wishes them all the good this world contains, and hopes to yet meet with them, at least once more. How much I wish it was *this time*, only I can tell. Thanking you for remembering me, I am always

Your old friend,

ALICE C. RISLEY.

The reading of the epistle provoked much applause and it was unanimously voted to extend a vote of thanks to the writer, the secretary being instructed to communicate the vote to Mrs. Risley.

Then followed several speeches, the first one called upon being Dr. Murray Travis, Past Division Chaplain of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, who spoke briefly for that organization.

The next speaker was Capt. James Brady of Fall River, of Co. G, an ex-collector of the port of Fall River, who was very badly wounded at the battle of Winchester, losing one of his legs. Capt. Brady found it a pleasure for him to be present and meet his old comrades. He then paid a tribute to the soldiers who went freely to wipe out the disgrace upon the flag, placed there by the rebellious south, by traitors' hands. Cost was not counted, and a victory was not only won from the rebels in our own land, but from the foreign powers who stood behind them and hoped for the downfall of the Union. The soldiery hand over to their sons the national honor in better condition and with fairer name than when they received it. It is to be hoped they will receive it and hand it down as sacredly to their sons.

George Harrington, district representative of the Boston Herald, spoke briefly, paying a fitting tribute to the honored veteran, Luke Smith.

At this juncture, the secretary read an account taken from the Worcester Telegram of Oct. 6, of the forwarding to Corp. Edwin Newton of the regiment, now living in Woodville, of three letters sent him while he was in the Department of the Gulf, serving under Capt. Phos W. Thayer. The latter received the letters for Corp. Newton, but was killed before they were delivered. His effects were sent home and laid away and recently, while Mrs. Dean, his daughter, was examining them at her home in Mansfield, these letters were found and were later forwarded to Mr. Newton. They were from his mother and two boy friends of his. In the letter from his mother, a tender epistle, were \$1.00 from her and five cents in script from his sister. The whole story of the letters is very romantic.

Walter M. Fulton of Co. H, of Manchester, N. H., was next introduced. He was glad to be present and extend congratulations. The veterans were growing old, but they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had given their best services to their country in a time of need. The speaker indulged in some pleasing reminiscences.

Senator Geo. A. Reed, of Co. E, of Saxonville, reminded his comrades that thirty-five years ago Sunday, the eighteenth, they went to the front for service. He found it a source of pleasure and pride to be present. His comrades had taken good care of themselves. The records of all were good on the field and in the camp, and have been kept up since the war. Mr. Reed referred to his senatorial work and said he had tried to do his duty at the state house, and keep his record good there. He had fought hard for the old soldier and, as long as he had breath in his body, should, he said, fight for the interests of his comrades in arms. He extended a welcome of all to Framingham, which had always been true to her soldier boys.

Jas. F. Upham of Boston, for nineteen years secretary of the regimental association, a hospital steward in the war, was introduced, and indulged in reminiscences, of which his mind was full at this gathering. Touchingly, he told of pain and sickness and the sufferings of the boys in the regiment, some of whom were present at this reunion and others who never came out of the war, or came home and have since passed away. These scenes of years long passed were brought freshly to the mind by these renewals of friendship and comradeship.

Treasurer Hall spoke of the last encampment at St. Paul, and led in the singing of a new and modern version of John Brown's body.

Capt. Frank H. Whitcomb of Acton, a visitor and guest, commander of J. C. Davis post 168, G. A. R. was glad to be present, and presented his compliments.

Comrade William Fulton here referred to his visit to the encampment at Louisville in 1895, and to an occurrence there, which illustrated the changes since 1861.

President Fulton then read an original poem, entitled "The Battle of Winchester," in which battle the Twenty-sixth was engaged. As Mr. Fulton read his graphic description of the terrible conflict, many minds went back in memory to that eventful September day in '64. Here is the story, as told in rhyme:

Battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.

Comrades, another year has sped,
Another milestone we have seen,
Another winter o'er our head
Has rolled since last we did convene,
What for these gatherings, asks the stranger,
What for this comradeship so true?
Our only answer, death and danger
Together faced for home and you.

Year after year we fondly meet,
A band of comrades welded fast
In fire of battle. Now we greet
Each other and recall the past.

That awful past! When this dear land
Was darkened by war's funeral pall;
When this our glorious, so great and good,
Seemed reeling, tottering to its fall!

'Tis five and thirty years ago,
Since we took oath to guard and shield
Old Glory from our country's foe,
Even on the bloody battlefield.

At Opequan, that scene of death,
That furnace of consuming flame,
When men went down with martyr's faith,
For Freedom, Union, Honor's name.

The sun arose, September's sun:
His morning rays were glorious, bright,
And all was peace; no picket gun
Gave signal of the coming fight.

But hark! Now hear the cannon's boom,
The war fiend now has opened wide
His jaws of death, with fearful doom,
To many a hero true and tried.

Forward at double quick is the cry,
Forward all, sweltering hot for breath;
Forward, that was a time to try
The soldier's heart, the soldier's faith.

The welcome order, Halt, was given;
Tear down that fence, brave Grover calls,
While round us earth and air were riven
With screaming shells and minnie balls.

Forward that skirmish line, and then
Swift followed Birge's first brigade.
Forward, now steady, steady men,
He said, as cool as on parade.

Forward, through woods in line of battle,
Steady and still each man stood well;
Forward! Who feared the conflicts battle?
Forward, into the mouth of hell.

The combat opens now and, when
Bang went our deadly muskets' fire,
Zip came the rebel bullets then,
And quick the foe seemed to retire.

Forward we pressed them double quick,
Loading and firing as we ran;
But soon we saw the cunning trick,
For what this strategy began.

On right and front blazed forth a storm
Of grape and canister, and far
And near the sulphurous air was warm
With those death dealing dogs of war.

Upon our flank those murderous gnns
Kept up that withering, deadly fire;
We are flanked, is cried; each soldier turns,—
Fall back, is the order; we retire.

The Johnnies then, with frantic yell,
Came rushing with triumphant glee;
Bnt, ah, we formed again and fell
Upon them; short, sad victory.

Forward again the first brigade,
Cried gallant Farr, our leader now;
Forward the second charge is made,
Forward, oh where is Early now?

The battle raged now far and wide,
With desperate strife in wood and plain,
And many a turf with blood is dyed,
From those who ne'er will smile again.

Charge after charge, yet still the foe
Maintains his ground with sacred zeal;
Come! Forward, shouts the leader. Ho!
Break down that wall of Yankee steel.

Again they turn, again retire;
Again our fiercest charge withstood;
Again they close their ranks and fire,
Again the earth drinks human blood.

Thus waged the carnage loud and long,
And smiled the sun in autumn glory,
While, hark, you wild bird's trembling song,
Now hovering o'er this field so gory.

Now all is over, victory's won,
The foe has fled, dejected, sore;
A hard fought field, brave deeds were done,
That pass to history's cherished lore.

But walk with me across this field,
And through those woods on either side.
See what a harvest war doth yield,
Of brave men who for country died.

Here lie the victims, stark and bleeding,
In mangled heaps, both old and young;
Unconscious now of war's proceeding,
Or that their deeds will e'er be sung.

Shade of the immortal Sheridan, who led
That patriot host to victory on that day;
Thy name we hail with love for what thou did,
To save our country from rebellion's sway.

Then wave Old Glory over freedom's fane,
Thy beauteous folds protect the nation's weal;
Let peace and love and happiness remain,
To bless its people and God's grace reveal.

Co. H, 26th Mass.

J. R. FELTON,

Musician N. E. Story of Boston had a story to tell to the amusement of all, after which all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," and the twenty-third annual reunion was a thing of the past.

MEN WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER.

Twenty-Sixth Regiment Vets Hold Their 23d Reunion.

A Cane of Southern Corn Stalk Presented to Venerable Luke Smith of Acton—Post-Prandial Speeches by D. Murray Travis, Capt. Brady and State Senator Reed.

[Special Dispatch to the Sunday Herald.]

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, Oct. 17, 1896. Although not the largest in point of attendance, the 23d annual reunion of the 26th Massachusetts Regiment Association, held here today, was full of interest and spirit.

After electing officers for the year, the meeting decided to hold the next annual reunion in Lowell, and a committee of arrangements was chosen.

It was voted to present to the venerable Luke Smith of Acton, the oldest member of the association, a cane made of a southern corn stalk, which has been sent from his farm in Maryland by Lieut. Seth Bowen, a member of the association, who desired the walking stick presented to the senior mem-

ber of the 26th. Mr. Smith is upward of 80 years of age, and was one of the Massachusetts men who marched through Baltimore in 1861. His father fought at Concord bridge in 1775.

At the annual banquet, served in the Smith block, the president offered congratulatory remarks, and also read an original poem of a reminiscent character, which was loudly applauded. The secretary—who was 13 years and three months old when he enlisted—then read letters of regret from association members located in Washington, D. C., Minneapolis, Minn., Warsaw, Ind., Seattle, Wash., Biddeford, Me., New Orleans, Austin, Tex., and California. Among the letters was one from Alice C. Riskey of West Plains, Mo., who, in the summer of 1862, when a refugee girl from home, assisted her mother (Mrs. Palmer) in nursing the soldiers from the North as they lay wounded, sick and dying in a southern hospital, members of the 26th regiment being among them. Amid cheers of applause a vote of thanks was declared for this letter, and its writer.

D. Murray Travis, past division chaplain of the Massachusetts Sons of Veterans, spoke for that order; Capt. James Brady of Fall River uttered stirring words on the causes and results of the civil war; George E. Harrington, representative of The Boston Herald, responded for the press; State Senator George A. Reed emphasized very eloquently his interest in and for the men who went forth to battle for a common country, and ex-Secretary James F. Upham of Boston, and Treasurer Delcotte C. Hall of Acton spoke briefly.

Report of the 24th annual reunion of
the 26th Mass Regt association

Lowell Mass Oct 18th. 1898

Business meeting held in the Post room
of Ladd & Whitney Post 195 V. A. R.

Meeting called to order by the
President James R. Fulton at 11 A.M.

The records of the last meeting was
read by the Secretary.

Treasurer reported a balance on
hand of \$4.94. Chaslain Charles Babbidge
being present he was called on and invoked
the divine blessing.

The Secretary reported the following deaths
since the last meeting.

Adeputant	Geo C. Davis	Oct 18 th 1896
	Patrick Boars Co B.	1896
Capt	James A Troy Co F.	Jan 17 1897
	Chas D. Wells Co D.	" 7 1897
Capt	R. O. Houghton Co B.	April 22 1897
	Harrison P. Hood Co D.	Aug 5 1897
	John R. Chamberlin Co A.	Sept 1897
	Walter D. Crane Co K.	Feb 7 1895
	John Foster Co F.	Nov 8 1897
	John Pickles Co F.	1897
	Michael Doner Co E.	Oct 1897

On motion of Comrade Green Co B. it was
Voted. That we all stand and devote
one minute in silent prayer for the dead.

The following Comrade, responded
to the calling of the roll by the Secretary.

Co. G	Martin L. Barrett
Lt Chas F. Emerson	J. A. Balcom
" Chas H. Richardson	Roscamius Brown
" James T. Latham	Chas Kent Jr
Sergt Jas T. Slater	Dan Keating
Co K Geo Packard	Chas E. Taylor
Private Saml G. Austin	

Co B.		Co F.	
Lt Chas W. Dix		Serjt R. H. Foster	
Serjt Myron F. Hoing		Thomas D. Parrish	
Serjt C. C. Caffelle		Private Alonzo Bousman	
Corp H. M. Keen		A. L. Gibson	
" S. W. Wheeler		Geo Ingerson	
Drummer John D. Balcom		John Turner 6	
Private A. B. Brown		Co G	
E. L. Davis		Capt James Brady	
William Hunt		Lt A. Starkweather	
James J. O'Brien		Private Andrew Hawes	
Henry N. Wood		Pathy F. Hogan 4	
Henry F. White 12		" H.	
Co C.		Lt Ed S. Hay	
E. T. Peterson 1		Serjt John F. Alexander	
Co D.		James R. Fulton	
Corp John F. Lloyd		Private Edwin F. Cushing	
Harace Butler 2		Walter M. Fulton	
Co E		E. A. Sullivan 6	
Lt Geo A. Reed		Co I	
Serjt D. H. Hall		Lt Chas M. Swain	
Serjt Chas W. Parkhurst		Private L. V. Clough	
Corp Saml R. Burroughs		Peter M. Garity	
" Geo B. Cram		Edward Sullivan	
" A. J. Fletcher		D. C. Worthey	
Drummer L. H. Adams		C. J. Weymouth 6	
Private Robt Fletcher		Co K	
James W. Fiske		Corp Wm K. Ingraham	
C. A. Brooks		" Chas W. Darn 2	
James Mynrol		Band	
Chas P. Tickland		Wm Lunkie	
Geo W. Sawyer			
Luke Smith		Col Edward F. Jones	
Saml F. Teale		Chaplain Charles Baskidge	
Saml Whitney			
John Wayne			
Addison B. Wheeler 18			
		Total 72	

Election of Officers

On a motion being made and carried it was voted. That a Committee of one Com from each Co be appointed by the Chair. to retire and bring in a list of candidates for officer for the ensuing year. the Chair appointed the following. Co A. J. F. Upham. Co B. Myron F. Goring. Co C. E. I. Peterson. Co D. J. F. Lloyd. Co E. Saml F. Teale. Co F. R. H. Foster. Co G. Capt Brady. Co H. Walter M. Fulton. Co I Chas M. Swain. Co A. Wm Ingraham.

this Committee retired and soon returned and presented the following Candidates.

For President	Martin L. Barrett	Co A
1 st Vice	Patk F. Hogan	Co G
2 nd " "	Chas M. Swain	Co I
Secretary	Edwin F. Pushing	Co H
Treasurer	D. H. Hall	Co E

it was voted. That the Secy cast one ballot bearing the above names for the officer for the ensuing year. the Secy having performed that duty. the President then elected.

Comrade Hogan read a letter of inquiry if any Comrade remembered. Comrade John Tooke of Co E. who was injured in the woods near Winchester Va while chopping wood. the matter was referred to members of Co E.

It was here announced that Col Edward F. Jones was in town. On motion of Com Reed of Co E. it was voted that a Committee of one from each Co be appointed to meet Col Jones and escort him to the Hall the Chair appointed the following Committee J. F. Upham Co A. Myron Goring Co B. E. I. Peterson Co C. J. F. Lloyd. Co D. Saml Teale Co E R. H. Foster Co F. Capt Brady Co G. Walter M. Fulton Co H. Chas M. Swain Co I Wm Ingraham Co A. Next Recount.

Comrade Reed and Com Hogan favored Boston as the next place of meeting. after some discussion for and against Boston it was Voted. That we meet in Boston Oct 18th 1898. Comrade Upham moved that a Committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for next reunion. Carried. the Chair appointed the following Myron Goring Co B, Chas C. Messer Co B. E. T. Peterson Co C. Comrade Upham moved a Vote of thanks to Post 185 for the use of their Post Hall. Carried. there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12.45 P.M. to meet at the ~~American~~ ^{Banquet Hall} ~~House~~ at 1 P.M. for dinner. At this time the Committee appointed to escort Col Jones to the Hall arrived. With the Col and his private Secretary a Miss Sheridan. Col Jones was received with rousing cheers and escorted to the platform. Here he was seated with our good Chaplain Charles Potbury 91 years old. and the Venerable Son of a hero of Concord bridge and Bunker hill Luke Smith of Co C. the Comrades all shook hands with the Col. the Col is not much like the man that took us to the front in 61. his eyesight nearly gone. he could not see the Boys. but he was glad to shake their hands. he remembered many as soon as they told him who they were. An affecting scene was the meeting between the Col and Chaplain. Neither could hardly see the other. first they grasped each others hands. and then. each threw their arms around the other neck and hugged like school girls it was a scene never to be forgotten. Com Reed

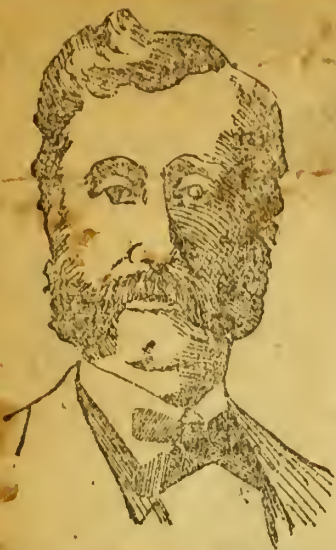
announced that the name of the Col's Secretary was Sheridan. then which the boys gave three rousing cheers for the name.

1 O'clock

The Comrades lined up for the dining hall, in the Post Banquet Hall. kindly lined us by the Post. where was spread a fine collation by the D. L. Page Co of Lowell. Our guests were Rev S. M. Dit. Chief of fire Dept of Lowell & S. Hosmer. after the divine blessing by the Rev S. M. Dit. the Comrades fell to and for one hour ate as only Veterans know how. at 2 P.M. the President rapped to order and read an original poem. composed for the occasion. which was received with much applause. then the quartette composed of Mrs Woodworth, Mrs Hure. Mr A. H. Slater and Comrade Jos F. Slater of Co A. all of Lowell. sang tenting to night. Mrs Woodworth singing the solo. then Col Jones was called on. this brought all the boys to their feet. and gave three rousing cheers for the Col. The Col spoke feelingly. saying that he thought that this was his last chance. to be with us. his eyesight was fast going. in fact most gone. he could hardly see any before him. the Col spoke of his great esteem for Genl B. F. Butler. then at the close of his remarks he had passed around to the Comrades some books on the origin of the Flag compiled by himself. and again three cheers were given for the Col. The next speaker was our old venerable Chaplain Charles Babbidge. he also spoke of the great esteem he had for Genl Butler

after pleasant words and a god bless
 you boys, he was again given three
 Cheers and two tigers. Capt Brady was
 next called up as the "Hero of Winchester"
 he spoke of the heroes that had gone before.
 letters were then read from absent comrades
 by the secretary the following sending greetings
 Capt Seth Boimey, Capt L. J. Keyser, Madison
 Beal, John J. Marshall, Jesse C. Asgood, Dennis
 Sheehan, Capt T. F. Annable, A. H. Sloan,
 Lt Baron B. Willard, John H. Chase, Chas W.
 Ricker, also an interesting letter from
 Mrs Alice C. Risley West Plain M.C. the
 quartette then sang Rest Comrades, at
 this time Col Jones was obliged to take
 his departure. On motion of comrade
 Richardson of Co A, three Cheers were given
 for the Col. and many said God Bless
 you Col. the next speaker was Lt
 C. D. Richardson of Co A, he spoke of his
 sure thing of going to Heaven and passing
 by all other Chicken thieves. the Rev Dr
 Dix was next called on, he spoke like
 a Veteran, and received much applause.
 Comrade Upham was called next and
 responded, by relating a few incidents
 of the war. the quartette sang marching
 down the Shenandoah Valley, which was
 received with great applause. Chief of
 Lowell fire Dept Horner, was next
 called up, after the singing of America
 by the quartette and comrades, the exercise
 came to a close at 3-30. the 24th
 annual reunion passed into history of
 the Association as one of the most
 interesting on record.

Edwin L. Cushing
 Secretary



EX-PRESIDENT JAMES R. FULTON.

REGIMENTAL REUNION ON

The Comrades of the Famous Twenty-Sixth Meet Again.



COL. EDWARD F. JONES.

Colonel Jones of New York an Honored Guest--Officers Elected.



SECRETARY EDWARD F. CUSHING.

GENERAL JONES.

Gen. E. F. Jones of Binghamton, N. Y. (Jones-*le pays-the-freight*) was then introduced by the chairman as "a man to whom

the 26th regiment is indebted for its fine discipline and noble work."

Cheer after cheer were given for the colonel.
Said Col. Jones: If I ever told the truth I tell it now when I say I am glad to be here. It is a regret that I have never before met with you. It is no fault of yours that I have not for your ever faithful secretary has never missed me with his notice. But up to this time I have been unable to come. I was told it would not be safe for me to defer my visit to you any more if I would see you this side of the great beyond. We may never enjoy each other's company again (cries of yes we will.)

"We existed on the battlefield more as father and son than anything else. My aim was to head a regiment that would be a successful one and history shows I accomplished what I sought (cries of you have.)

I hope you have forgotten the discipline of those days. After passing through a serious illness I was denied a leave of absence and impelled by what was ever my guide through life—the right—I resigned my commission. I watched with interest your progress and not a comrade ever fell in your ranks who was not mourned by me as a brother.

"The generations now have but little reverence for the veterans of the rebellion and those of us who are obliged to call for assistance are many times met with contempt and treated like common paupers. It is true we have a large pension roll but the politicians are responsible for that.

"There is one thing they can't rob us of, and that is the memory that we served faithfully our country in the hour of need. I see before me but a fragment of the old regiment I mustered in. Many are living who are not here today. We are glad our venerable chaplain Dr. Babbidge is here today (Applause.) A man of God should be a man of his word but he has not kept his word for he told me he would not be here today but we can pardon him with his 91 years of knapsack drill. (Applause.) I had lots of things to say of him but I can't say them now that he is here.

"Most prominent in my recollection is General Butler (Applause) and no man deserves more gratitude of his state than he. His services are equaled by no other man (cries of Amen.)

Gen. Butler had his faults. If there is any who has no faults let him be the first to step up and blacken Gen. Butler's name or in divine words, "Let them who are without sin cast the first stone."

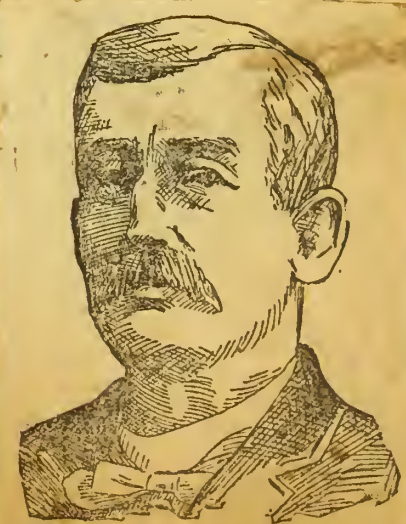
"I hope when the unprejudiced history of our country is written far up in honorable place will be found the name of Benjamin Franklin Butler (applause).

"I enjoin upon you to try again to have that justice done to him that his comrades demand.

"I have but to wish you farewell and wish you health and happiness." (Applause.)

In closing Col. Jones had something to say about the political career of Comrade Read, which created much amusement. Comrade Read denied the allegation that he was a politician. (Applause.)

Here a little booklet entitled "The origin of the flag" by Col. Edward F. Jones was distributed and it was found to be a very interesting document.



MARTIN L. BASSETT.

OLDEST LIVING MEMBER.

The Veteran Luke Smith Holds That Honor.

Luke Smith of the 6th and 26th of Acton is the oldest member of the regiment. He was a member of Company E of the 26th regiment, and made a grand record in the numerous engagements in which he took part.

Before he joined the 26th, he had just returned from the field of brilliant achievements with the old and famous "sixth." Besides being the oldest living member he has the honor of being the son of one of the heroes who fought at Concord Bridge in 1775.

THE YOUNGEST TO ENLIST.

Secretary Cushing Shouldered a Rifle at the Age of 13.

Edward F. Cushing, the secretary of the regiment, enlisted when he was only 13 years of age. He served through four years of the strife, carrying a musket alongside many who were old enough to be his father or even grandfather.

When asked how it was that he was allowed to carry a musket at such a tender age, he replied that he was so tall and ungainly that the recruiting officers took him to be at least 18 years of age.

He enlisted in Lowell, Mass., in the army on Market Street, Sept. 3, 1861, in Co. H, 26th Mass. Infantry. He was mustered out Sept. 23rd, 1865, having served four years and 20 days.

Invited to speak
WORTHLEY—In this city, March 24, at 27 Canada street, Daniel E. Worthley, aged 76 years, 1 months and 23 days.

HISTORY OF REGIMENT.

It Has a Proud Record of Active Service.

Thirty-six years ago the regiment was mustered into service.

When the old 6th Massachusetts of Baltimore fame returned from its three months service to save the Capitol at Washington, D. C. in 1861 the officers and members set out to raise a three years regiment. Three companies were recruited in Lowell; Co. A, Captain George M. Dickerman; Co. D, Captain Warren; Co. H, Captain Andrew Blood. Two Co.'s F and I were raised in Lawrence, Co. B in Groton, Co. E in Acton, Co. G in Fall River and Co.'s C and K from different sections making ten companies. Its first camp was at Camp Cameron in Cambridge, Mass., but for a very short time. Then Camp Chase (now the fair grounds at Lowell) was put in shape and in the latter part of September, 1861, the recruits were ordered to this Camp (Chase) where they remained until Nov. 21st 1861 then with full ranks and "Brooks" band of Lowell a band well known to residents of that time—they left for the seat of war. The officers of the regiment were as follows: Colonel Edward F. Jones; Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Farr; Major J. A. Sawtell; Sergeant J. G. Bratt; Chaplain Charles Babbidge; Adjutant George E. Davis.

Residents of Lowell of 1861 will well remember the regiments frequent parades in Lowell during its encampment at Camp Chase. A better organized regiment never left the state. One thousand strong, a good band, new United States uniforms and with the latest make of Springfield muskets it went from Lowell to Boston where it was reviewed by Governor Andrew and General Butler on Boston common. The "boys in blue" then marched down State Street to Long wharf and went on board of the Steamer Constitution. On the march down State Street they received great applause. From Boston the steamer went to Portland, Me., to take aboard the 12th Maine Regiment, Colonel Shipley but it was thought that as many were on board as could be comfortably accommodated as there were besides the 26th Massachusetts, the 9th Connecticut and the 6th Massachusetts Battery. So the 12th Maine remained, and the 26th Massachusetts went on to Fortress Monroe where General Phelps came on board and took command. The regiment then proceeded to Ship Island, Miss., where it arrived Dec. 3rd and remained there until April, 1862.

In the mean time other troops had arrived; also General Butler and Admiral Farragut and his fleet when the start for the Mississippi river to make the attack on Forts Jackson and St. Philip was made. After the surrender of the forts the regiment took possession with Colonel Jones in command. The regiment remained in the forts some few months and was then ordered to New Orleans. Then a change came in the officers of the regiment. Colonel Jones resigned and Lieutenant-Colonel Farr was first some few months and was then ordered ant-colonel and Capt. Clark of Co. B major.

Major Clark received severe wounds at the Battle of Opequan Creek near Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864, from which he died in a few days. E. S. Clark Post No. 115 G. A. R. of Groton, Mass. is named for him.

From New Orleans the regiment went up through the state of Louisiana on the left bank of the Mississippi river in what is known as the "Tache" county. In Feb. 1864 the regiment re-enlisted for a further term of 3 years or during the war, and in April of the same year came home on a 30-days furlough which was promised them for re-enlisting. They came direct to Lowell and the city gave them a grand reception and a banquet in Huntington Hall.

On the expiration of the 30-days furlough they returned to New Orleans. In July 1864 they were ordered to the army of the Potomac. They were at Bermuda Hundred, City Point, Malden Hill attached to the 19th army corps. When the Rebel General Early came so near entering Washington in 1864 the regiment was sent to Washington to drive him back. After remaining in Washington camping at Tentaun the 2nd division, 19th army corps, to which they belonged was ordered to join General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. On Sept. 19th, 1864 the regiment was in the hottest of the conflict at Opequan Creek, near Winchester, Va., losing many men in killed and wounded. In Sept. 21st to 23rd, it was in the engagement at Fisher Hill. Oct. 19, in the engagement at Cedar Creek where Sheridan made his famous ride (to Winchester 20 miles away.)

This was their last engagement. The time of those that did not re-enlist expired on this day but they fought with the rest. Many were killed, wounded and taken prisoners. The ranks were never so much depleted as then. The 10 companies were consolidated into 8 and made a battalion. Capt. Wm. H. Chapman Co. E was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and took command.

The regiment was in the grand review at Washington. They were sent to Savannah, Ga., much to their disgust. The order for mustering out troops at the close of the war was the oldest first. As the time of the 26th was taken from its last enlistment it was not counted as old, as were some that had not been out as long. So they (the 26th) had to relieve troops to go home that had not been out as long as they had. They were finally ordered mustered out August 26th, 1865, reached home and were discharged on Sept. 23rd, 1865 making a continuous service of four years. During that time 2700 names were on the rolls. There are now 264 names of living members on the books of the association. They are scattered about in 22 states. The known survivors are as follows:

THE VENERABLE CHAPLAIN.

Charles Babbidge the venerable chaplain is 91 years old and lives in Pepperell. He and Comrade Luke Smith of Acton, 55 years of age, were given all the attention possible. Comrade Smith is a great hero wherever he goes. His father fought at Concord Bridge and one of the treasured remembrances Comrade Smith has is a pair of cuff buttons his father wore at that fight.

Chaplain Babbidge was a great friend of General Butler and marched through Baltimore with him. In his hurry he took his Masonic sword instead of his army sword but he was not hurt. Eventually he concluded it was on account of the Masonic sword.

Chaplain Babbidge was then introduced and all stood and cheered him. He said:

"During the period we have been together I have received many tokens of kindness. The idea of asking me to follow Col. Jones surprised me. We know that at the present time the history of the old 6th and 26th regiments is being made up. I have read some of the unsensible work of some men who try to be historians. I believe that the salvation of this country rested with Col. Jones and the old Sixth.

"In Washington it was acknowledged to me that the capitol of the country was saved by the regiment.

"I have tried to remedy the mistakes given out as to our regiment and have been partially successful. I had an opportunity

of seeing much of Gen. Butler and I found him always disposed to do what he could for the suffering multitudes. I secome everything Col. Jones has said about him for I know he was always ready to respond to me and furnish whatever aid he could. I held him in the highest esteem and always will." (Applause).

Capt. Brady of Fall River "the hero of Winchester" was next called and warmly greeted. He said: "I think a man who does his full and bounden duty and succeeds is entitled to no more credit than the one who tries and fails. We are all passing forward now including our young drummer boy and he being the youngest will naturally be the last to pass over the river. Then he will hear the voices of those who have gone before him. He will recognize some of the voices—he will see Abraham Lincoln, Willis H. Seward, U. S. Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Thomas. They are all there before us and they will all welcome him with open arms. All the old grand army will be there to see him when the final roll is called." (Applause).

Secretary E. F. Eastman then read letters of regret from the following members who were unable to be present: Capt. Seth Bonney of Maryland who presented the corn stalk cane to the regiment who in turn gave it to Comrade Luke Smith the 85 year old son of the revolution, last year; Comrade L. J. Keyser, Waltham; Mrs. Alice C. Risley who was with the regiment at New Orleans; last year she sent a poem and it was much enjoyed. "To know you belong to the 26th Massachusetts is a passport into my heart" the letter said; Madison Beale, Waterville, Mass.; J. J. Marshall, Bonny Eagle, Mo.; Jesse Coagood, Kansas; Wm. A. Jackson, Clinton; George A. Adams, Providence; Dennis Sheehan, Maynard, Mass.; Thomas H. Annable, Attleboro; James Jackson, Marlow, N. H.; George H. Lawrence, East Pepperell; A. H. Sloane, Warson, Ind.; David Rocho, Chelsea; Aaron B. Willard, Greeley, Col; M. W. Murphy, Whitall, N. Y.; J. H. Chase, Chicago; Henry Chambers, White River Junction; C. W. Ricker, Austin, Texas.

There was a great round of laughter when a letter was read from Chaplain Babbidge saying he was too infirm to be present. He changed his mind after the letter had been sent.

Next the quartette sang "Rest Comrades Sweet Rest."

Col. James then departed and on motion of C. H. Richardson three cheers were given for him and all said "God bless Col. Jones."

The next speaker was Lieutenant Chas. H. Richardson. He said: "When I heard our president say our venerable chaplain was responsible for the spiritual welfare of our regiment, I was sorry for him and I saw him blush at the charge. There is nothing spiritual about this regiment. (Laughter). I have always remembered Col. Jones since he led us on. If he did not succeed it was not his fault but the fault of the material he had. Thirty-six years ago we were mustered in and we were all boys, in our teens—the secretary had hardly entered them. All the field officers but Col. Jones have passed away though not on the field of battle. Of the line officers probably

the majority have left us. They always did their duty and we shall always think of them at the best. Turning from the dead our eyes strike Hall, Upham, Fulton, Bassett and Read. It is said that living troubles are worse than dead ones. (Laughter). There is a chance for all of you for heaven but I don't say you'll get there. (Laughter). You will be sorry you did not behave yourself as well as we did. God bless the old soldier as his patriotism deserves. (Applause).

The veterans of the Twenty-sixth Massachusetts Regiment who met in reunion yesterday may well feel proud of the part their organization took in the war for the preservation of the Union. The ranks are fast depleting, but the patriotism and love of country is not diminished.



United States Hotel Boston Mass
Oct 18th 1898
25th Annual Reunion of the
26th Mass Regt Association.

Called to Order by the
President Martin L. Bassett at
11.30 A.M.

Secretaries records of last meeting
read and allowed.

Treasurer reported a balance on
hand of \$12.14

Secretary related the follow death
since last meeting

	David Roach Co C.	Nov 1 st 1898
	John Kennedy " K	" 29 th 1898
	Alfred Lepdi " I	Dec 19 1897
	Freeman Hutchins " H	May 27 1898
Chaplain	Charles Babbidge	" 6 th 1898
	Jacob V. Ellis Co D	Dec 26 th 1897
	Christopher Cahelle Co B	July 6 th 1898
	James Moulton Co E	1898
	Saml G. Austin Co A	June 1898

The following named Comrade referred
to the roll call

Co A - 5

Let Chas H. Richardson	Let James F. Upham
Corp Jos Packhard	Martin L. Bassett
Alphonso Coates	

Co B - 13

Let Chas C. Messer	Com Supt Myron F. Hoing
Supt C. C. Cahelle	Corp Berg Ford
Corp H. M. Green	Musicians John H. Balcom
Henry E. Achorn	A. B. Brown
E. L. Davis	William Hunt
H. A. Litchfield	Berg W. Parker
Chas F. Sartell	

Co C - 4
 Musician H. E. Story James L. Howard
 E. A. Newton E. J. Peterson
 Co D - 1

Hiram W. Garden
 Co E - 15

Lt S. P. Blodgett Lt Geo A. Reed
 Com Sgt D. H. Hall Sgt Chas W. Parkhurst
 " Albert L. Wick Musician S. H. Adams
 Robert Fletcher James H. Fiske
 George Flood George Handly
 Sgt W. Sawyer Dennis Shelhan
 Saml Whitney Adelson B. Wheeler
 Mason Wheeler

Co F - 5
 Sgt Thomas D. Parrish Alonzo Bauman
 A. L. Wilson John Turner
 G. P. Boston
 Co G - 1

Capt James Brady
 Co H - 5
 Lt Edward S. Hay Sgt John F. Alexander
 John Brooks E. F. Custine
 E. A. Sullivan
 Co I - 5

Musician Calvin W. Greenwood L. V. Kough
 Thomas N. Cook C. E. Dlew
 D. E. Worthen
 Co K - 5

Capt W. E. Cole Corp Wm K. Ingraham
 " Frank Young " Chas W. Dame
 Menander Patrick

Total Present 59

Election of Officer
 Voted that a Committee of one
 from each Co be appointed to the

Chair to retire and bring in a list of Candidates for Officers for the ensuing year. The Nominating Committee presented the following report.

For President	Lt James F. Upham Co A
1 st Vice	Calvin W. Greenwood Co C
2 nd	E. J. Peterson Co C
Secretary	E. F. Perkins Co H
Treasurer	D. H. Hall Co E

and this Committee recommend that S. Framingham Mass be the next place of meeting. Moved that we proceed to ballot. Carried. Comrade John H. Bulcolm moved that the Secretary cast one ballot bearing the names presented by the Committee. Carried. The Secretary having performed that duty the President declared that the above named Comrades elected as recommended by the Committee. President elect Upham spoke feelingly thanking the Comrade for the honor bestowed upon him.

It was moved that South Framingham be our next place of meeting as recommended by the Committee. Comrade Geo A Reed Co C. heartily endorsed the motion and promised the boys a good time if that place was their choice. It was unanimously voted that we meet in South Framingham Mass Oct 18th 1889.

The following Communication was read by the Secretary. from Col E. F. Jones Binghampton New York. Sending regrets that it would be impossible to be with us. and spoke of the hearty welcome he received last year. Saying that it would ever be one of the bright pleasant memories

of his life. regrets from Lemie C. Osgood
 Florence Kansas. Wgt Stefan. 13. Smith
 sent kind regards to all. best wishes
 from Fred E. Shraane Bangor Me. regrets
 and best wishes from C. H. Emerson Spring-
 field Mass. regrets from Capt Stos to
 Appable. also from John F. Claypt Pitt
 Shila Pa and Lt Ch. S. Badger New
 Orleans La. letters of thanks for
 invitation to be present and accept
 the same. Hon Henry A. Thomas Post-
 master of Boston. Hon Wm M. Olin
 Secy of State. Capt Jack Adams. Sergt
 at Arms. Wm H. Bartlett. Deft
 Commander of Mass G. A. R. Genl Kimball
 Auditor State of Mass Rev R. L. Greene
 of 14th Me. the President appointed
 the following comrades a committee on
 annual reunion. the President elect
 and comrades. Geo A Reed. E. F. Cushing
 and John H. Balcolm. a recess was
 declared untill two P.M.

Promptly at 2 P.M. the comrades
 lined up for dinner. President Bassett
 with Genl Kimball followed by Postmaster
 Thomas. Secy of State Olin. Sergt at Arms
 Adams. Deft Comdr of G. A. R. Bartlett
 Rev. R. L. Greene (all Veterans of the late
 Civil War) and the members of the
 Association. after dining blessing by the
 Rev. R. L. Greene. all fell to and enjoyed
 themselves for about one hour. Satisfying
 the inner man. then came songs
 and the President asked to order.
 President Bassett said that he felt
 highly honored to be the President of
 this Association of Veterans of the War
 of 61 to 65 and in closing said. On

Postmaster Thomas. who was received with great applause and spoke very interestingly. the next speaker was Secy of State Comrade Wm M Clin who was as humorous and interesting as ever. he was followed by Selt Comdr of Mass G. A. R. Wm H. Bartlett. he was received with applause. and his remarks were of much interest to the boys as he served in the Gulf Dept. the next speaker was State Auditor Comrade Genl Kimball. who also served in the Gulf Dept. the Genl read statistics of the losses in the 26th Mass while in the Shenandoah Valley. Comrade Rev R. L. Greene was called up. Comrade Greene was a drummer boy in the 14th Me in the late Civil War. which Regt was in the same brigade with the 26th Mass. Comrades Clin and Adams in their remarks thought that they would have a little fun with the Minister. but they found their match in Dr Greene. the Dr gave a vivid description of the Battle of Cedar Creek at the time that Genl Sheridan arrived. he being an eye witness he held the Veterans close attention during his description of the scene. he also spoke of Fisher's Hill and other places and battles familiar to the boys of the 26th. At the close of his remarks he was heartily applauded. We had so much visiting talent that there was much time for our boys. Much to the regret of all. Comrade Secy of Mass of Co E. spoke briefly and in closing introduced Mr

Richardson who had a brother in Co. C
 he said that he was glad to meet those
 who had served with his brother and
 closed with a God bless you boys.
 Comrade Messer moved that we now
 adjourn to Oct 18th 1899 at South
 Frammingham Mass. Carried.

The Comrade now fell to handshaking
 and bidding one another good bye
 and God bless you. and to another
 happy re-union of the Boys of the 26th
 Mass who stood shoulder to shoulder
 for four long years closed.

1250 Notices were sent out

98 Replies.

51 Said that they would attend if possible

48 Said that they were unable to attend
 on account business, sickness, and distance
 and some stated that they had not
 the means

152 Made no reply

Edwin F. Peckham
 Secretary

Grand Army Hall So Framingham Mass
 Oct 18th 1899
 26th Annual reunion of the 26th Mass
 Regiment association

At 10 a.m. the Hall
 presented a lively appearance. Comrades
 of the old 26th arriving. and as each
 one entered the Hall a shout went
 up hands were grasped. as none but
 Veterans of the Civil War can appreciate.
 there were no old men present. they
 were all boys again. it was 1861 not
 1899. they were not thinking of the
 present, but the past.

at 11 a.m. the Comrades were
 called to order by President upham

The first business was the reading
 of the records of the last Meeting
 by the Secretary. the report having been
 approved. the Treasurer made his report
 which was approved and both report ordered
 to be placed on file.

The Secretary reported the following
 deaths since last meeting

Geo Ingerson.	Co F	Nov 9 th	1898
Albion J. Lampher.	Co E.	Nov 16 th	1898
Lieut John J. Marshal	Co H		1898
" A. Starkweather.	Co G & H	Mar 26	1899
John Turner	Co F	April 6 th	1899
Jacob Nelson	Co H	Jan 6 th	1899
Corp. John F. Floyd	Co D	Jan 16 th	1899
Co. A. Brooks	Co E	Sept 12	1899
John S. Puffer	Co E	Dec 23	1899
Lieut Chas F. Emerson	Co A	April 30	1899
Dennis Sheehan	Co E.		1898

Calling of the Roll

The following comrades answered

Co A 6

Lieut Chas H. Richardson Lieut James F. Latham
 Corp. Geo Packard Corp. J. B. Wilson
 Daniel Keating Alphonso Oaks

Co B 11

Lieut Chas C. Meszer Sergt C. C. Coghelle
 Corp. Berg Ford Corp. H. M. Green
 Drummer John H. Balcom Henry E. Achorn
 A. B. Braun E. L. Davis
 R. M. Erving S. W. Griffiths
 William Hunt

Co C 5

Sergt William Crockett James L. Howard
 E. A. Newton J. A. Parker
 E. T. Peterson

Co D

Not represented

Co E 15

Lieut S. P. Blodgett Lieut Geo A. Reed
 Lim Sergt D. H. Hall. Corp. Saml R. Burroughs
 Robt Fletcher James W. Fisk
 Geo Handly Emory D. Lothrop
 James Monroel Cyrus P. Packard
 Geo W. Sawyer Saml F. Teele
 Edwin B. Taft Saml Whitney
 Addison B. Wheeler

Co F 2

Sergt Thos D. Parrish G. P. Boston

Co G 5

Capt James Brady Corp. Humphry Sullivan
 Patrick F. Hogan Borden W. Manchester
 Robt Peters

1899

Co H 6

Lieut Edward S. Han Sergt John F. Alexander
 Sergt James R. Fulton Edwin F. Cushing
 Walter M. Fulton C. A. Sullivan

Co I 2

L. V. Clough. F. L. Wood

Co K 2

Corp W. E. Cole Fred Poston

Total 54

Election of Officers

A Committee of one from each Co was appointed by the President to retire and bring in a list of candidates for officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee reported as follows
 For President Lieut Chas C. Messer Co B
 " 1st Vice " E. J. Peterson Co C
 " 2nd " " Humphrey Sullivan Co G
 " Secretary Edwin F. Cushing Co H
 " Treasurer Dellette H. Hall Co E

and recommended that South Acton be the next place of Meeting.

The Committee report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Voted, that the Secretary cast one ballot bearing the above named candidates for officers for the ensuing year, and that South Acton be the next place of Meeting. The President appointed the following named Comrade a Committee to make arrangements for next reunion
 L. H. Hall Co E. J. R. Burnoughs Co E
 Robt Fletcher Co E. L. V. Clough Co I
 C. P. Packard Co E.

Voted, that thanks be tendered to

J. G. Foster Post 163 G. A. R.
for the use of Hall.

at 12.30 the meeting was adjourned to
meet at 1 O'clock for dinner.

at one O'clock promptly the
Comrade lined up for dinner which
was served in the Post banquet hall.
upon entering the Hall the Comrades had
a pleasant reception by the ladies of
Relief Corp 174 who had prepared a
bounteous repast of good home made
food, and a pin representing Old
Glory in each napkin. After divine
blessing by Mrs E. E. Hayward Chaplain
of Relief Corp 174 the order was given
to fall to. Which the Comrade did to
the best of their ability. they ate and
joked and had a good time. Comrade
Reed of Co E. treated the boys to Cigars
and when the room was well filled
with smoke President Upham rolled
to order and called on Capt Marshal
of the Old and present 6th Mass.
he was followed by Commander Forbush
of Post 163 G. A. R. Commander Gleason
of Post 142 G. A. R. Div Inspector Travis
of the Sons of Veterans. Editor Davis of
the Framingham Gazette. Comrade Geo
A. Reed. Mrs E. E. Hayward. of
Corp 174. John S. Richardson of Boston
Capt Brady of Co G. Dr Geo Rice of
Post 163. Mrs E. F. Phinney past
President of Corp 174. Lieut Messer
President Elect. Comrade Wilson of Co A
Comrade Erving of Co B Mrs C. H. Fuller
of Corp 174. Letters of regrets from
Comrade unable to attend were read
there were five Col Jones and 57 others

1877

Comrade Hall promised a good time to all that would be in South Acton next year. so much praise cannot be given to the Ladies of Cook 174 for their work in decorating the Hall getting and serving the dinner and doing so much to make our reunion a pleasant one. Every one of the ladies were Wives of Veterans of the Civil War.

Edwin F. Cushing
Secy

27th Annual Reunion of the 26th
Mass Regt Association
Congregational Church
Acton Mass
Oct 18th 1900

The Meeting was called to order
by President Messer at 11 A.M.

The Secretary Not present the
President appointed a Secretary Pro tem

Treasurer Hall reported a deficiency
a Collection was taken up amounting to
\$16.89

Voted to proceed with the election of
Officers for the ensuing year.

The following named Comrades were
elected to fill the various offices.

President	E. J. Peterson	of Co C
Vice President	Walter M. Fulton	" " H
Secretary	Edwin F. Cushing	" " H
Treasurer	Dellette H. Hall	" " E

Voted. That the next Reunion be held
in Lowell Mass Oct 18th 1901

The President appointed the following
named Comrades at Committee of
arrangements for the next reunion
Jos F. Slater Co A. ^{J. J. Jones} Walter M. Fulton H
Martin L. Bassett Co A.

Voted. To take a recess until the
arrival of the Secretary.

12 M. The Secretary. Col Jones and
many Comrades arrived.

The Comrades were again called to order
The President called for the calling
of the roll by the Secretary.

The Calling of the roll found the
following named Commodore present
Col Edward F. Jones
William Columbus Band

Co A 6

Lieut Chas H. Richardson. Lieut James F. Wham
Sergt Jos F. Slater. ~~Lieut~~ Chas Kent
Dan Keating E. A. Sawyer

Co B 15

Lieut Chas C. Messer. Corn Sergt Myron F. Hoing.
Sergt C. C. Cappellet. Corp Geo A. Adams.
Corp Orville W. Booth. " Beres Ford.
" H. M. Green. " S. W. Wheeler.
" A. B. Brown. E. L. Davis.
William Hunt. " A. Litchfield
James J. O'Brien. Geo. A. Lang
Chas P. Sartell

Co C 2

James L. Howard. E. J. Peterson.

Co D.

none

Co E. 25

Lieut S. P. Blodgett. Lieut Geo A. Reed
Sergt Ellette H. Hall. Corp Saml R. Burroughs.
Corp Geo B. Cram. John B. Cram.
" A. J. Fletcher. Pri Robt Fletcher.
Private James W. Firke. Geo Handley.
Emory D. Lathrop. James Monro.
Cyrus P. Packard. Luke J. Robbins.
Geo W. Sawyer. Frank H. Stevens
E. Tarbell. Saml F. Tull
Edwin B. Taft Saml Whitney

Co E. Continued
 Lincoln E. Wheeler.
 Addison B. Wheeler.
 John Woodhull
 John Wayne
 Mason Wheeler

Co F
 A. L. Gilson.

Co G 5
 Capt James Brady.
 Patrick F. Hogan.
 Robt Peters.
 Sergt Chas F. Hoar.
 John Jackson.

Co H 5
 Sergt Geo W. Frost.
 Edwin F. Lushington
 E. A. Sullivan
 Sergt James R. Fulton
 Walter M. Fulton

Co I 6
 Lieut Chas M. Surain.
 Madison Beal.
 M. A. Lathrop
 Sergt Chas T. Woodbury
 L. V. Clough.
 D. E. Worthley

Co K 2
 Corp Wm K. Lynam.
 J. T. Hammond.
 Total 69

The deaths for the last year were as follows.

Alonso Bowman	Co F.	Oct 18 th	1899
Geo Flood	Co E.	Oct 23	1899
Luke Smith	Co E.	Dec 16 th	1899
Alonso D. Foss	Co D.	June 4 th	1900
Corp E. M. Fitzgerald	Co I	July 1 st	1900
Sergt Richard Whitehead	Co G.		
Otis B. Sartell	Co B.		1900
Robt Spencer	Co D.		1900
James T. Taylor	Co A	Nov 21 st	1900
		Total	9

Their being no further business the Comrades
 adjourned to the Vestry of the Church where
 an excellent dinner provided and served
 by the ladies of South and West Acton and
 Relief Corp #62 was in waiting. after doing
 full justice to a dinner that was all one
 could wish for, the Comrades reassembled in
 the Church. President called the Comrades
 to order and called on Col Jones to
 address the Comrades. the Col spoke of
 some of the incidents of the recruiting
 of the Regt in 61. the Col was followed
 by Rev. Harham Eastabrooks. Mr Luther Coats.
 Mr Richardson of Boston brother of our late
 Comrade Richardson of Co A. Miss Nellie Hall
 President of Relief Corp #62, followed by
 singing by a quartette. Comrade Dellette H. Hall
 his brother Edgar Hall, and son Edgar Hall
 and Ellis Harlow. Many Comrades were
 called on by the President and responded
 with interesting remarks Capt Brady of Co
 F. who never misses a reunion spoke with
 his usual vim which always brings cheer
 from the boys. as many of the Comrades
 live at a distance and were anxious to
 catch their train. a vote of thanks was
 passed to the members of the Cong Church
 for the free use of the rooms of the
 Church for our meeting and dinner
 also to the ladies that provided and
 served us so excellent dinner. the
 meeting was adjourned to meet in Lowell
 Oct 18th 1901. then followed hard shaking
 leave taking. God bless you and good bye for
 another year. and the Comrades of the 26th
 Mass Separated after a day of enjoyment. meeting of
 some Comrades that had not met for 30 odd years
 E. F. Cushing Secretary

1857

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28th annual reunion of the 26th
Mass Regiment associated

Lowell Mass Oct 18th 1901

Post Hall of Ladd & Whitney
Post 185 G A R.

Meeting called to order at 10.30
A.M. by the President

Comrade E. T. Peterson of Co C
Records of last meeting read and affirmed.
The Secretary reported the death of
the last year as follows

	James F. Taylor	Co A	Nov 21 st	1900
	Simon J. Randall	" B.	Sept 22	1900
Corp	J. Brodethy	" G	March 17	1901
	Thomas Lewis	" G	Dec 31 st	1900
	Thomas Tierney	" G.	April 9 th	1896
	John W. Manchester	" G.	June 24 th	1901
	Horace W. Humphrey	" H		1901
	J. M. Palmer	" I	June	1901
Corp	J. T. Hammond	" K		1900
	Meander Patrick	" K	March	1900
	Daniel S. Vaughn	" K		1900
			Total 11	

Calling of the roll
the following named Comrades responded

Col Edward F. Jones.
Adjut Stephen B. Smith

William Corbis Band.

Co A 10.
Lt James F. Upham. Sgt Jos F. Slater
Sgt J. B. Wilson Corp Jos Packard
Martin L. Barrett H. A. Balcom
Roscarion Braun Patti Halpin
Chas Kent Dan Keating

Co B. 12
 Lt Chas C. Messer. Com-Sert. Myron F. Going
 Corp Geo A. Adams Corp Orrill W. Broth
 " H. M. Green
 Priv Henry E. Achorn Priv A. B. Brown
 William Hunt " A. Litchfield
 James J. O'Brien Geo A. Lancy
 Sert C. C. Copelle

Mus Co C. 2
 N. E. Story Priv E. T. Peterson

Co D
 Priv Israel F. Barnes. Horace Butters

Co E. 15
 Lt S. P. Blodgett. Sert Frank H. Stevens
 Corp Geo B. Cham Corp Saml R. Burroughs
 Priv Geo Handly Priv Robt Fletcher
 James W. Fiske James Monro
 Cyrus P. Packard. Saml F. Teell
 Edwin B. Toft Saml Whitney
 John Wayne Addison B. Wheeler
 Mason Wheeler

Co F. 4
 Sert Amos L. Jones Priv A. L. Gilson
 Priv G. P. Boston Danl Straw

Co G. 5
 Capt James Brady Sert Chas P. Howe
 Priv Patk F. Hogan Corp John Jackson
 Robt Peters

Co H. 4
 Sert John F. Alexander Priv Edwin F. Cushing
 " James R. Fulton " Walter M. Fulton

Co I 2

Lt Chas M. Swain Sept Chas T. Woodbury
 Mus Calvin W. Greenwood
 Priv L. V. Clough Jos H. Hammond
 M. A. Lothrop Edward Sullivan
 D. E. Worthley C. J. Weymouth

Co K 2

Corp Frank Young Priv F. M. Balcom
 Total 68

A motion was made and carried.

That a Committee consisting of one Comrade from each Co be appointed by the Chair to retire and bring in a list of Comrade for officers of the association for the ensuing year. The Committee reported as follows

For President	Walter M. Fulton	Co H	
" V. "	Patrick Hogan	" G	
" Secretary	E. F. Cushing	" H	
" Treas	D. H. Hall	" E.	
" Executive Committee			
Jos F. Slater	Co A	Wm F. Going	Co B
N. E. Story	" C.	Horace Bytten	" D
F. A. Stearns	" E.	A. L. Gilson	" F
Capt Brady	" G.	John Alexander	" H
Chas M. Swain	" I	F. M. Balcom	" K

A motion was made and carried.

That the Secretary cast one ballot bearing the above names as reported for the officers of the association for the ensuing year.

Carried. The Secretary having performed that duty, the Chair declared the officers elected as reported by the Committee.

It was unanimously voted that Lawrence Mass be the next place of meeting.

Adjutant- Stephen B. Smith who had not been with us for about 20 years entered the Hall at this time. he was called to the platform, and expressed his pleasure at meeting the Comrades.

Adjourned to One P.M.

The boys came up smiling at one O'clock for rations which was served in the Post banquet hall, and kept them busy for about an hour. then Segars were passed around. When the hall was well filled with smoke the President called on the Secretary to act as toastmaster. The first Speaker was Col. E. F. Jones the Organizer of the Regt. he was received with great applause. the Col spoke of many things in the history of the Regt. how he had watched their movements and was proud of the reports. the Col was followed by his Private Secretary Miss Sheridan.

Who read a very interesting reminiscence of the Civil war. which was greatly appreciated by the Comrades. the next Speaker was Rev. G. M. Smiley of Lowell. followed by Capt Brady of Co G. Sergt J. B. Wilson of Co A. Lt V. P. Blodgett of Co E. the President elect Walter M. Fulton of Co H.

Lt Messer moved, that Lt Upham and any Comrades that he may select be a Committee to write up the history of the Regt. Carried. at 3 P.M.

adjourned to meet at Lawrence Mass Oct 18th 1902

Edwin F. Cushing Capt
Secretary

1841

1842

1843

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1846

1847

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1849

1850

29th Annual Reunion of the
26th Mass Regt Association
Lawrence Mass Oct 18th 1902
The Comrade assembled in the Hall
of Post 39 G.A.R.

Meeting Called to Order at
10 O'Clock A.M. President
Walter M. Fulton in the Chair

Secretarys report of last meeting
read and 'altered'.

Treas report read and accepted

Report of Death Since last
Meeting.

Deaths
1902

Secretary reported as follows

Lt Daniel W. Shaw	Co. D	Mch	20/02
Jones	A Brown	" E	" 13/02
J. Henry	Wood	" E	" 1/02
Eben L. Davis	" B	April	13/02
Corp John B. Gam	" E	May	7/02
Charles C. Prescott	" B	Jan	26/02
Augustus Seaver	" E	Aug	15/02
William D. Mear	" H	Sept	22/02
Robert Fletcher	" E	"	2/02
Jame A Parker	" E	Nov	14/02
Serjt George H. Richard	" E		1/02

Roll Call

Calling of the Roll
The following Comrades answered

Col Edward F. Jones
Adj Stephen B. Smith

Roll Call

Co A	10
Lt James F. Uthman	Daniel A. eating
Sergt Jos F. Slater	Fred E. Sprague
" " B. Wilson	Chas H. Emerson
Cop Jos. Packard	E. A. Sawyer
Martin L. Bonsett	Leonard Blood

Co B	6
Capt Edward Campy	A. B. Brown
Lt Chas C. Messer	Henry C. Achorn
Cop Geo A. Adams	Henry F. White

Co C
None

Co D	2
Israel F. Barnes	Horace Butler

Co E	12
Lt S. P. Blodgett	Emory D. Lothrop
Com Sergt D. H. Hall	James Monro
Cop Geo B. Gram	Samel F. Tule
" A. J. Fletcher	Addison B. Wheeler
James W. Fiske	Samel Whitney
Geo Handly	Mason Wheeler

Co F	3
A. L. Gison	Andrew H. Divinell
G. P. Borton	

Co G	2
Capt James Brady	Patk F. Hogan

Co H	5
Sergt John F. Alexander	Walter M. Fulton
" James R. Fyfe	Edwin F. Cushing
" Geo W. Frost	

Roll Call

Co I 7

Serjt Mas T. Woodbury Edward Sullivan
 Mus T. A. Barker Thomas N. Cook
 " Calvin W. Greenwood D. E. Worthley
 L. V. Clough

Co K 2

Cop Wm K. Ingraham Cop Chas W. Darnie

Election of
Officers

Election of Officers

President Patrick F. Hogan Co G
 Vice " A. L. Gilson Co F
 Secy E. F. Cushing Co H
 Treas D. H. Hall Co E

Place of
Meeting

Next place of Meeting

There were several place spoke of for
 next place of meeting. all making a
 strong argument for their favorite place
 it was remarked that no matter where
 we met Capt Brady Co G. was always
 on hand. a motion was made that
 the next place of meeting be Fall River
 Mass on Oct 19th 1903 - the 18th falling
 on Sunday - the motion was carried and
 Cheers for Fall River and Capt Brady

Regimental
History

Comrade Upham for the Committee
 On Regimental History reported
 that he could not collect material
 to make a satisfactory history.
 Ordered that the matter be indefinitely
 postponed

Agreed at 12-15 to meet
 in Bangs Hall at 1.30.

Post 39 G.A.R. Banquet

1.30

Banquet

Welcomed
by Mayor

after divine blessing by Comrade
 J. B. Wilson Co A, the Comrades fell
 to. When cigars were lighted the
 Hon James F. Leonard Mayor of Lawrence
 welcomed the Comrades in a patriotic and
 interesting speech and at close was heartily
 applauded. He was followed by Col
 Jones, J. E. Burke Supt of Schools
 Capt Brady of Co G, Capt Cauley Co B
 Comdr Col Beals Post 39 G.A.R. and
 Comrade T. A. Barker Co I from St Paul
 Mr E. F. Postells of Lawrence entertained
 the Comrades with songs. rousing cheers
 were given for Col Jones, and Capt
 Brady. America was sung by the
 Comrades and the meeting of 1902
 was closed.

E. F. Cushine

No Comrades present 51

No Deaths 11

Secty

Oct
190330th Annual Reunion
26th Mass Regt Association

Fall River Mass Oct 19th 1903
Meeting called to Order at
11-30 by the President - Patrick F. Hogan
Secretarys report of last read
and approved.

Treasurer report read and accepted
Secretary related the following deaths since
last meeting

Deaths 1902 3
Total 14

Peter M. Garity	Co I	Jan 20 1902	at Fall River	Mass
A. L. Gilson	F	May 9	" "	Laurens Mass
Henry L. Hucking	D	Mar 25	" "	Soldier from Chelsea Mass
Jerome J. Rick	I	Jan 3	" "	Worcester Mass
Capt Thos H. Annable	F	1891	in Florida	
John W. Woodhull	E	July 17 1902	Soldier from Chelsea Mass	
Henry F. Flood	D	Aug	" "	
Geo H. Pierce	A	Sept 18	" "	Soldier from Chelsea Mass
L. V. Clough	I	July 17	" "	So Acton Mass
Michael Gerry	H	Mar 29	" "	
William R. Townsend	I	July 1903	" "	
Charles J. Chadwick	I	Aug 13	" "	
Henry H. Dutton	E	Mar	" "	
Orville W. Booth	B	Oct 18	" "	Litchburg Mass

Calling of roll
Calling of the roll the following
named comrades responded

Adjutant - Stephen B. Smith

Co A

Lt Chas H. Richardson	Lt James F. Mpham
Sgt Jos F. Slater	Corp Jos Packard
Priv Daniel Keating	Priv Leonard Blood

Co B

John H. Bakelm	A. B. Brown
Corp Berg Ford	

B.B. 3

Roll Call Continued

Co C 4

Co C

Sergt William Pickett. Corp Freeman Holmes
 Priv James L. Howard. Priv E. J. Peters

Co D 1

Co D

Priv Israel T. Barnes

Co E 6

Co E

Lt A. P. Blodgett. Com. Sergt D. H. Hall
 Priv F. H. Stevens. Priv James T. Peale
 " Addison B. Wheeler " Luke J. Robbins

Co F 1

Co F

G. P. Boston

Co G 15

Co G

Capt James Brady. Sergt Charles P. Hoar
 Corp George England. Corp John Jackson
 " Joseph Harrison " Humphrey Sullivan
 Priv Andrew Gandy. Priv Patrick J. Hogan
 " Jordan W. Manchester " M. W. Murphy
 " Robt Peters " Eben A. Ray
 " Geo Bentley " Jos S. Shaw
 " Ralph Kay

Co H 3

Co H

Sergt John F. Alexander. Sergt James R. Fulton
 Priv Edwin F. Cushing

Co I 2

Co I

Sergt Charles J. Woodbury
 Priv D. E. Worthley

Co K 28

Co K

Corp William A. Hyrskan. Frank M. Balcom

Total 44

1913

3rd Annual Reunion Election of Officers

The following named Comrades were
elected as follows

Officers Elected	President - Capt James Brady	Co B
Vice	Let J. P. Blodgett	Co E
Secretary	Edwin T. Cushing	Co H
Treasurer	Dezert H. Hall	Co E

Voted that Article 4 of the Constitution
be amended so that it shall read
The annual meeting shall be held
On the 19th of September, instead of
18 of October

Voted that the next place of meeting be
at Lowell Mass.

The Treasurer announced a shortage in
the Treasury.

Voted that a collection be taken up
result of Collection \$11.75

Voted that the same be turned over to the
Treasurer there being no further business
the meeting was adjured to meet in the
Banquet Hall at 11 O. Clock

Music Hall. 1 P.M.

The Comrades lined up and Marched
to the Banquet Hall. There found
tables well filled with refreshments
supplied by the Executive Committee
of the Richard Borden Relief Corp
#106. Comrade James R. Fulton invoked
the divine blessing after which the Comrades
sat to the dinner was served by members

of the M.R.C. #106

The Special guests of the association were. Congressman Green of Fall River Rev Edward L. Ayers. Dr John Gilbert and J. Dwight Brady all of Fall River. After a pleasant speech of welcome to Fall River by Capt Brady Congressman Green was introduced and received with applause. and spoke in a very interesting manner. Capt Brady called for cheer for Relief Corp #106 the boys responded with three rousing cheers. Adjourned to the large Hall.

Mrs Louisa F. Connelly presided at the Piano. interesting remarks by Rev Edward L. Ayers who was a boy and present at the battle of Winchester Va. On the Southern Side listening to the Music of Shot & Shell. Dr Gilbert exhibited a picture of Co G. take when on furlough in 1863. After shake hands and good bye the meeting was adjourned to meet in 1904.

E. F. Cushing
Secretary

Lowell, Mass. Sept. 19, 1901.

The 31st Annual Reunion
of the 26th Mass. Reg. Assn:
Was held to day in the rooms
of Codd and Whitney Post
No 185 W.A.R.

Comrades Men called to order
at 11 A.M. by Capt. James Brady
of Fall River.

The records of last year
was read and approved,
including the Treasurers report.

The following Deaths
were reported

Capt.	L. J. Keyser	Co F.
Lieut	Charles W. Dix	" B.
Corpl.	Frank A. Young	" K.
Priv	Daniel Shaul	" F.
"	E. Farbell	" E.

At Roll call the following responded

Adj.	Stephen B. Smith
Co A.	Capt. Geo W. Dickerman
" "	Lieut James F. Upham
" "	Sergt James B. Wilson
" "	W. W. Arnold -
" "	H. A. Walcott
" "	Patk. Halpin
" "	Leonard Blood.
" "	Sergt Joseph F. Slater
" "	Corpl Joseph Packard
" "	Sergt Martin L. Dasset
" "	W. Brown
" "	E. J. Sawyer -

Co. B. Capt. Edward Canby
 " Com Sgt M. F. Volney
 " Sgt C. C. Cahell
 " Corp. Geo. A. Adams.
 " " Stephen W. Wheeler
 " " John H. Watson
 " William Hunt
 " James O'Brien
 " C. P. Sallell
 " Howard Wilson
 " A. B. Brown
 " Geo. A.itchfield
 " Geo. A. Lincey
 " Henry F. White

Total 15.

Co. C. C. A. Peterson

Total 1.

Co. D. Sgt Chas. F. Hayden
 " Horace Wallers
 " Israel F. Barnes

Total 3.

Co. E. Capt Silas Y. Blodgett
 " Geo. A. Reid -
 " Com Sgt - R. H. Hall
 " Sgt Chas. W. Packhurst
 " Corp. Geo. B. Cram
 " " Saml. H. Borroughs
 " " A. J. Fletcher
 " " James H. Adams.
 " " Geo. Handley
 " " James Michroz
 " " Geo. W. Sawyer
 " " Addison B. Wheeler
 " " James W. Fiske
 " " E. D. Lothrop
 " " C. F. Richard. Saml. F. Tule
 " " Everett Wheeler

Total 17.

Co. F. C. P. Boston. David Rogers total 2.

Co. G. Capt. James. Brady
Corps Humphreys Sullivan
Patrick Hogan total 3.

Co. H. Supt Edward L. Hall.
Sergt John F. Alexander
" James R. Fulton
" Geo. W. Frost
" Edwin F. Cushing
E. A. Sullivan
Walter M. Fulton total 7.

Co. I. Supt A. S. Badger
" Chas. T. Woodbury
D. E. Worksted
A. E. Leavitt
M. A. Lathrop.
Edward Sullivan total 6

Co. K. Corp. W. K. Ingraham
E. L. Goddard
Frank M. Balcom total 3.

Total attendance 69.

The following comrades were
Chosen officers of the asso. for the
coming year.

President Capt. Geo. M. Deckman
Vice Pres. Supt A. S. Badger
Sect Edwin F. Cushing
Treas. D. H. Hall

Noted That the next place of meeting be at
 Lowell Sept. 19th 1905 and that
 the Misses of Cambridge be invited to
 join us -

At 1.00 the line was formed for dinner
 but our committee composed of the best
 judges of food stuff in the asso. namely
 comrades Slater & Fulton had so carefully
 selected. Capt. James Brady welcomed
 all and called upon Rev. Dr. Chamber
 & Lowell for a divine blessing -

After full justice had been done to the
 food things before us - remarks were
 made by Capt. Brady who called
 to the Rev. Dr. Chamber for assistance
 which was met with a hearty response

Sent Sadler was the next speaker -
 his being his first union with the boys
 his remarks were listened to with much
 interest - He was followed by Capt. Dickman
 Capt. Conroy - Sent had and others
 including Sergt Slater Sergt Fulton
 who all spoke interestingly - they were
 followed by a quartette of young ladies
 who gave us some excellent vocal
 selections - Mrs. Kilmer formerly Miss Turner
 of New Orleans - gave a very interesting
 account of running through the Confederate lines
 to the City of N.C. but the hour getting quite
 into the asso. adjourned with God bless us
 to meet again one year hence.

E. F. Livingston
 Secy

Capt

L. H. Palmer
 Secy Sept. 1905 -

Dowell. Sept. 19th 1905.

The 3rd Annual reunion
of the 26th Mass Regt association
was held to day in the rooms of
Saild & Whitney Post G. A. R.

The comrades were called to order
at 11 o'clock by President Geo. H.
Reed.

The Seculars and Treasurers reports
were presented and approved.

The following Deaths were reported
since the last reunion

C.	L.	Benjamin D. Willard	
"	"	Patrick H. Noonup	
"	"	E. P. Nutworth	
"	"	Charles Woodburn	
"	B.	William F. Warren	
"	"	Charles Hall	
"	"	Augustus S. Ayer	
"	"	Charles Rock	
"	F.	George H. Muzzey	
"	E.	Sirnt A. S. Badger	
"	"	Edwin B. Lutz	
"	"	George W. Langer	
"	"	William Whitney	Total 18.

At Roll Call 145 responded "Here"

Election of Officers followed
a Committee consisting of the
following comrades
were requested to bring forward a
list to be elected officers for the year 1906.

Serjt Martin Russell Co. A.
 " E. C. Cabbie " B.
 Pat Storey " C.
 Horace Sullness " D.
 G. P. Boston " F.
 Humphus Sullivan " G.
 John F. Alexander " H.
 Thomas Cooke " I.
 Frank M. Walcom " K.
 Serjt, S. B. Blodgett " E.

The Committee reported as follows-

Dr. President Serjt. Geo. A. Reed Co E.
 " First Vice " V. B. Wilson " A.
 " 2^d " " C. C. Cappelle " B.
 " Secty E. F. Cushing " H.
 " Treas. D. A. Hall " E.

They also recommended Saxonville as the place for the next reunion Comrade Reed having extended an invitation to the asso^{ts} to be his guests at his home Sept. 19th 1906.

The report and recommendations were accepted and adopted.

At 10:00 the Dinner Call was sounded the Comrades responded with their usual alacrity. many of them accompanied by their wives and families, found the dinner fully up to their expectations. after which we returned to the hall where Broochmaking was the order of the P.M. Comrade W. H. J. Hays of Lowell had the care and entertained us with wit and abundance in his own peculiar manner—

He was followed by Rev. Geo. Dean
 Pastor of St. Pauls M. E. Church
 in a most patriotic address in
 portrayal of the patriotism of the Soldier
 of 1861-65, other churches followed by
 comrades of the 26th.

Vocal and Instrumental music was
 furnished by Mrs. A. H. Slater Miss
 Stella Wilson and Mrs. A. W. Brooks.

Adjourned at 4 P.M. to meet at
 Uxtonville Mass. Sept. 19th 1906.

D. H. Fall
 Acting Secy.

(Copied by) H. Falcone
 Secy 1906.

Lowell, Mass. D. Oct. 18th 1906.

The 33^d Annual reunion of the 26th Mass. Regimental Association was held in the home of Sudd Whitney Post C. A. R. to day.

Meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock Am. by President Geo. A. Kud - who explained the occasion of the postponement of the promised gathering at his home in Foxonville. Sept. 9th was because of his illness - with Typhoid Fever - the meeting of to day was called by D. H. Hall acting secretary and Vice President L. B. Wilson - owing to the sickness of Geo. A. Kud presided and because of the death of Edwin H. Cushing Secty.

Comrade Cushing having served as Secty since 1895. his first report of of the reunion being the 23^d held at South Framingham Oct. 17th 1896.

Comrade D. H. Hall presented the acting Sectys report which was accepted. The Treasurer reported a deficit of some \$16.⁰⁰ voted to take a collection to ramp the cash on hand - and Comrade C. C. Capell gathered in \$21.15 which was paid to the Treasurer D. H. Hall.

The usual Committee consisting of one from each company was authorized to retire and report a list of comrades names for officers for the ensuing year.

also to select a place of meeting
for 1907.

The President appointed as follows-

C. A. Mather Bassett.
 W. B. John. H. Waleum
 W. C. L.
 W. R. Isreal James
 " E. Samuel Barrons
 " H. Amos Jones.
 " G. Patrick Hogan
 " H. John F. Alexander
 " J. C. M. Maine.
 " R. Charles C. Dame.

The Committee reported as follows.

President. J. B. Wilson
 Vice Pres. Frank H. Stephens
 " " Patrick Hogan
 Treas. R. H. Hall
 Secy John H. Waleum.

Place of Meeting Lowell Mass.
 June 19th 1907.

Committee of arrangements -

Joseph L. Packard
 R. H. Hayden
 Patrick Hulpin

The report of the committee was
 received and its recommendations
 adopted -

At Roll call 18 Companies men present

Company Name
 Capt C. H. Richardson Co. A.
 " James F. Latham " "
 Sgt O. F. Slater " "
 Co. B. V. L. Wilson " "
 " Joseph Richard " "
 " Martin L. Dussett " "
 " Patrick Hulpie " "
 " Alphonse Cakes " "
 " F. E. Dugas " " O

Co. B.
 Capt L. C. Messer
 2nd Lt. Milton T. Hoing
 " C. C. Cabbelle
 " Geo. A. Adams.
 " Henry E. Hearn
 " A. W. Brown
 " Henry F. White
 " John H. Dalem.
 " G. A. Sitchfield
 " William Hunt 10.

Co. C.
 James S. Howard. 1.

Co. D.
 Isaac T. Barnes.
 Sgt Charles F. Hayden 2.

Co. E.
 Capt Bro. A. Reid. Samuel F. Teale
 2nd Lt. C. H. Hall. Samuel Whitson
 " Chas. W. Packhurst Mason Wheeler.
 " Samuel R. Barrows. Addison B. Wheeler.
 " A. L. Fletcher James W. Fiske
 " James H. Adams.
 " E. D. Lathrop
 " James Monroe.
 " Cyrus P. Richard
 " Frank A. Stevens 15.

Co F.	Sgt Amos G. Jones.	
	L. P. Boston	2-
Co G.	Capt. James Brady	
	Patrick Hogan	2-
Co H.	Sgt. John A. Alexander	
	Walker M. Peltou	
Co I.	Edward Sullivan	
	Sgt Chase M. Quinn	3
	Calvin Munford.	
Co K.	Charles W. Dame	
	S. C. Gould.	
		Total 48.

Mrs Elizabeth Anderson daughter of Genl. E. F. Jones from Binghamton N.Y. was announced whereupon a Committee was appointed to present her to the association. The President very pleasantly introduced her as the daughter of the Old 6th and cordially invited her to be the guest of the 26th for the day which she was pleased to accept.

The following Deaths were reported

Co H.	Edwin T. Cushing	Age 54.	Co H.
		Barnville	Jan. 13 1906
Co G.	Charles W. Dascomb		Co G.
		Mayland	1905.
Co E.	Chas. W. Fletcher		Co E.
		Springfield	Oct 4 th 1905.
Co I.	John W. Emory.	Sumner Falls.	Co I.
			Mar 17 th 1905
Co B.	George H. Lawrence		Co B.
		Bellevue	Sept. 1 st 1906.

Co H. Snyd. Sec. W. Frost. June 14th 1906.
Total 6.

Dinner being announced the comrades and guests seemed ready to respond without urging. all enjoyed the ample repast so well furnished by the efforts of the comrades from Lowell to whom the association expressed by words and actions, a hearty approval.

Returning to the Post room the comrades and their friends indulged in some fine speckinaking, ending with much discussion of ^{the} various movements of the Regiment during the 63 Campaigns near Biow La Fourche La.

At a late hour the meeting adjourned to meet again in the City of Lowell Sept. 19th 1906, and so the 33rd annual reunion of the Old 26th Regt. passed into that shoreless ocean of time.

John A. Balcom Esq
Secy.

ENLISTED AT AGE OF 13.

Edwin F. Cushing, One of the Young-
est Civil War Veterans,
Is Dead.

Edwin F. Cushing, said to be one of the youngest men who enlisted for service in the civil war, died yesterday of heart disease, at his home, 9 Harvard place, Somerville.

For 12 years Mr. Cushing was superintendent of manufacturing at the South Boston house of correction, and also for four years he held a similar position at the New Jersey state prison. In recent years he had been employed at the Charlestown Navy Yard. He leaves a widow.

Mr. Cushing was born in Dover, N. H., May 29, 1848, but was brought up in Lowell, from which city he enlisted in company H, 26th Massachusetts regiment, Sept. 3, 1861. With his regiment he participated in many battles.

Soull Mass. Sept. 19th '07

The 34th Annual Reunion of the

26th Mass. Regt. Asso-
Was observed by its members in the
hall of Sadd & Whitney Post. #185 G.A.R.

Meeting Called to order by Comrade
J. B. Wilson of Soull President of the asso-
At 11 o'clock Am-

The Secty's report read and approved

Treasurer D. H. Hall reported cash Balance
of \$11.00 report accepted

Deaths Since our last reunion was reported
- as follows -

U.B. Corp.	Henry M. Green	Nov. 29 th '06	Age 72 years
Sergt	Charles F. Hayden		No dates or age
Prio	John Wright		news paper clipping
"	Samuel Ballou	"	"
Co. I	M. W. Murphy	June 6 th '07	
Co. I	Joseph H. Hatwood	No date	'06
"I."	W. A. Sathrop	July 28	'07
I	Madison Deal	Nov. 23	'06.
"I"	Frank S. Wood	Aug 16 th	'07
"E"	George Handley	No date	
"I"	Peter Ward	"	

The Roll being called the following
Comrades answered "here"

Co A. Capt. George M. Dickerson
Sint Chas H Richardson
" James F. Upham
Sergt- Joseph F. Slater
" J. B. Wilson
Corp. Joseph Packard

Co A. Leonard Blood
Chas. E. Taylor Total 9.

Co B.
Com Sergt Myron F. Going
Sergt Chas E Caffell
Corp Geo A Adams.
Corp. S W. Wheeler
Priv Henry E Acorn
" A B. Brown
" William Hunt
" B. A. Sitchfield
" S. W. Griffiths
" James J. Briou
" John H. Balcom Total 11.

Co C.
Priv James S. Howard
" E A Newton 2.

Co D.
Isreal F Barnes
Geo W. Graves
E. D. J. Huckins 3.

Co E. Supt.
" S. P. Blodgett
" Geo. A Reid
Com. Sergt D. A Hall
Corp Samuel K. Borroughs.
" A. J. Fletcher
Drummer James H. Adams.
Priv James W. Fiske
" E. D. Sathrop.
" James Monroe.
" Samuel F. Tule
" Samuel Whitney
" John Wayne
" Addison B. Wheeler
Sergt Frank H. Stevens
" Chas W. Parkhurst 15

Co G. Sergt Thomas D Parnish
 Priv Andrew H Dminells
 " Chas. Luckins
 " Amos Poole
 Corp R. H Foster
 W. P. Boston 6

Co H. Patrick Hogan 1

Co H. Sergt John F. Alexander
 " James R Fulton
 Eugene A. Sullivan 3

Co I Drummer Calvin Greenwood
 Patrick Sullivan
 Daniel E Worthley 3

Co K. Corp. Wm H Ingraham
 " Chas. W Dame
 Frank M Balcom
 Oliver W Balcom
 S. C Gould 5

Grand Total 56th

From The Band Abel Crocker
 Settlers were read from
 Col E. F Jones Binghamton NY
 Color Sergt James W Ricker Washington DC
 Lieut Col John S Cooke Brookfield Mass
 F S. Berry Seattle
 Capt. Edward Canby Milwaukee
 and Geo. B. Duran N.Y. City.

The usual Committee of one from
 each Company was chosen to
 to select candidates for the Officers
 for the ensuing Year.
 They reported as follows.

For President	Sergt F. H. Stevens	Co E.
" 1 st Vice Pres.	Myron F. Young	" B.
" 2 nd " "	Calvin Greenwood	" D.
" Treas "	D. H. Hall	" E.
" Secty	J. H. Balcom	" B.

Executive Committee

Sergt Joseph F. Slater	Co A.
F. H. Stevens	" E.
J. H. Balcom	" B.

Place of Meeting Lowell
 Time Sept. 19th 1908. —

Dinner being ready. Found the boys ready also — after ample justice had been done to the good things spread before the comrades they returned to the Hall and the president call for some report from the comrades who had just returned from Winchester when they had been to assist in the dedication of a monument erected by the State of Mass to the memory of those who had lost their lives in the famous campaign of 1864. Supt. C. H. Richardson Supt. Geo. A. Reed and Treasurer D. H. Hall, responded and among the many good words spoken and tributes paid — Comrade Reed presented the following list of the known dead from the 26th —

no on
 Grave —

3693	George Shaw	Co G.	3739	Wm. Carns	Co H.
3702	J. O. Brinn	" I.	3743	E. B. Leach	" K.
3710	D. McCarty	" G.	3745	F. A. Spaulding	" H.
3710	E. H. Clarendon	" F.	3748	Geo. Snow	G.
3729	Arion Carter	" B.	3754	W. Reynolds	"
3737	F. A. Murphy	" No.			
				Total	11-

A musical entertainment was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Martin which was greatly enjoyed and a vote of thanks was tendered them for their efforts to entertain the asso-

A telegram was received from Capt. James Brady of Fall River saying he was to ill to attend the reunion -

Manchester was the subject of a very stirring patriotic address by Rev. W. H. Bishop. which was enjoyed by all -

Miss Alice May Rice rendered some fine vocal selections which was heartily applauded

In reply to Manchester Rev. Victor Pitaglow made one of his splendid orations. which was listened to with pleasure after which Sergt. James R. Fulton recited one of his original poems. which was received with a storm of applause

Adjourned

J. H. Ballou
Secy

Lowell Mass. Sept. 19th 1908

The 35th Annual reunion of the

The 26th Mass Regiment Association
was held to day in the Hall of Sodd
and Whitney Post. #185 G. A. R.

The meeting was called to order by
the President Sergt Frank H. Stevens at
10 o'clock AM.

The Secretary's Report read and approved

Treasurer D. H. Hall's report presented
Balance on Hand \$19, which was
also accepted

Death reported since our last years
reunion was as follows—

Supt.	Orlando W. Dickerman	Oct. 11 th 07 Co. A.
	William A. Seales	No date " "
	Daniel Keating	Jan 25, 1908. " "
	James A. Parker	1901 " B.
Sergt	William Brockite	May 27 1904 " C.
	Mason Wheeler	Feb. 1906 " E.
	David Rogers.	1908 " F.
	James A. Sherman	Sept. 15, 1907. " G.
	Eduard Sullivan	May 8 1908 " I
	Frank E. Wood	Aug 16 1907 " I

Roll call

Total - 10-

The following Comrades - men present

Genl. E. T. Jones.

Abel F. Crocker

Band

Co A.	Sicut.	C. H. Richardson	
	"	James F. Upham	
	Capt.	Geo. M. Dickerman	
	Sergt	Martin E. Bassett	
	"	Joseph F. Slater	
		Korcorius Brown	
		E. A. Sawyer	
		Patrick Halpin	
		W. W. Arnold	
		J. B. Wilson	
		Joseph Packard	
		Horace A. Palmer	
		Chas. E. Taylor	
		Leonard Blood	Total 14.

Co B.	Sicut.	Chas. C. Messer	
	Con Sergt	Myron L. Spring	
	"	C. C. Capelle	
		Albert B. Brown	
		Geo. A. Adams	
		W. B. Clark	
		Chas. E. Corey	
		Samuel W. Griffiths	
		John H. Palmer	
		Benjamin W. Parker	
		Stephen W. Wheeler	
		Wm Hunt	
		Randal M. Erving	
		Geo. A. Sitchfeld	Total 14.

Co C.		James S. Howard.	1.
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Co D.		Izreal F. Barnes	1.
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Co E.	Sicut	Silas P. Blodgett	
	"	Geo. A. Reed	
	Con Sergt	Deletta H. Hall	

Sergt Frank H Stevens
 Samuel R. Barrows.
 James Munson
 Aaron J. Fletcher
 Lincoln E. Wheeler
 Samuel Whitney
 Addison B. Wheeler
 Co. P. Pickard
 E. D. Sathrop
 John Mayne 13

Co F. Sergt R. H. Foster
 Andrew H. Dminells
 Sergt Thomas D. Parish 3

Co G. Capt. James Brady
 Patrick Hogan
 Humphrey Sullivan 3

Co H. Sergt John F. Alexander
 " Walter M. Fulton
 D. A. Sullivan 3

Co I Calvin Greenwood. 1

Co K Frank M. Balcom
 Oliver W. Balcom
 Co. S. Gould
 Wm H. Ingraham 4

Whole attendance 59.

The following comrades were appointed
 to nominate the officers of the asso- for
 the year ensuing

James T Upham	Co A.	Thos Parrish	Co D.
C. C. Cappell	Co B.	Patk Hogan	Co E.
James S. Howard	Co C.	D. A. Sullivan	Co F.
C. P. Pickard	Co G.	Frank M. Balcom	Co K.

They reported as follows.

For President.	Charles C. Cappell	Co B.
" Vice Presd.	Samuel K. Borroughs	Co E.
2 " "	James S. Howard	Co C.
Treas	Delitte H. Hall	Co E.
Secy.	John H. Balcom	Co B.

The report was accepted and the Officers elected by ballot.

Executive Committee

Joseph Packard	Co A.	Geo. A. Adams	Co B.
James S. Howard	Co C.	Israel T. Barnes	Co D.
James Munroe	Co E.	Thos. D. Parrish	Co F.
Patrick Hogan	Co G.	John T. Alexander	Co H.
Calvin Greenwood	Co I.	Oleiver W. Balcom	Co K.

Voted that the Secretary Enquire into the price of the Corps badges and report at the next meeting.

Voted that our next reunion be held Saturday Sept. 18th

The following comrades were chosen to make arrangements for the 36th Annual reunion dinner.

Charles C. Cappell	Frank H. Stevens
Joseph Packard	John H. Balcom

Dinner being the next food thing in order the comrades and their friends 70 in number marched to the banquet room where a Turkey Dinner was spread for their entertainment, to which ample justice was done with many expressions of appreciation.

Returning to the Post room a musical program - with speaking was presented as follows.

1st & 2. Infantry Call by Phonograph
 Miss Rena Knapp
 Remarks by Rev. Mr. Kingott

Solo by Mrs. Duncan -

Just Before The Battle and Old Glory
 Phonograph Miss Knapp

Patriotic Oration by Rev. A. T. Whittaker

Phonograph by Miss Knapp

Talk by Mr. James O' Sullivan

Solo by Mrs. Duncan

Remarks by Rev. Victor Bigelow

Song by Miss Rice

Phonograph Should Old acquaintances
 be forgot
 Miss Knapp -

The Secretary read a note from
Comrade James R. Fulton saying he
was confined to his home with sickness
but he contributed a humorous incident
of "Sheridan and the Dakis"
which was enjoyed by all—

An motion of Supt Geo. A Reed Miss
Cora Sheridan. Secretary for Col
E. F. Jones was adopted as the

"Daughter of the 26th Regiment"

An motion of Supt Chas. A Richardson
Supt James F. Upham. Was Chosen
Historian of the Regiment. He was
directed to report his progress from time
to time. With the work and when complete
the association is expected to cause
it to be published—

Adjourned to meet Saturday Sept. 18th 1909.

John H. Balcom
Secretary

Article was Sept. 20th 1908.

Fifty Survivors of the 26th Massachusetts Infantry Gather For the Annual Reunion.

Forty-four years ago Saturday the final battle of Winchester, Va., was fought between the forces of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan and Gen. Jubal A. Early, the army under "Fighting Phil" winning the disputed position from the long-headed rebel cavalry leader.

Saturday fifty survivors of that battle, all veterans of the 26th Massachusetts infantry, met in Post 185 hall, Wyman's Exchange, for their annual reunion. Forty-four years ago they had all run out from a belt of woods into an open plain, making for the enemy's position, at the same time coming into touch with the Second and 12th Virginia infantry regiments. The Virginians, who were the flower of the Southern armies, while unprepared for the sudden appearance of the Federal troops, nevertheless opened up a brisk musketry fire, and that's why the 26th's survivors of that battle will tell you of wounds they received in that charge through the belt of woods and into the open plain, on September 19th, 1864.

The reunion opened with a business session, shortly after 11 o'clock. About 50 veterans, accompanied by wives and daughters, were present. Reports of the last reunion were read, and then the list of deaths during the past year was given. It held 10 names. Those who died were: James A. Sherman, Company A; William Crockett, Company C; Lieut. O. W. Dickerman, Company A, Lowell; Wm. A. Searles, Company A, Lowell; Daniel Keating, Company A, Lowell; Mason Wheeler, Company E, Acton; David Rogers, Company F; Edward Sullivan, Company I; James A. Parker, Company B, and Frank L. Wood, Company I.

Letters were read from various members of the association who were unable to be present at the reunion. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then in order. Those chosen were: President, C. C. Capelle, Company B, Leominster; first vice president, Samuel Burrows, Company E, Acton; second vice president, James L. Howard, Company C, Brockton; secretary, J. H. Balcom, Company B, Nashua; treasurer, D. H. Hall, Company Acton; executive committee: Joseph Packard, Company A, Lowell; George Ames, Company B, Townsend; James Howard, Company C, Brockton; Daniel F. Barnes, Company D, Everett; James Monroe, Company E, Concord Junction; F. D. Parrish, Company Nashua, N. H.; Patrick Hogan, Company G, South Andover; John Alexander, Company H, Manchester, N. H.; Calvin Greenwood, Company I, Nashua, and Oliver W. Balcom, Company K, Shirley.

It was voted to hold the next annual reunion in this city on September 18, 1909.

The Roster.

The roster of those present is as follows: General Edward F. Jones of Binghamton, N. Y., first colonel of the 26th regiment, and at one time colonel of the famous Sixth Massachusetts; Band, Abel F. Crooker, Lowell; Company A, Lieut. C. H. Richardson, Lieut. James F. Upham, Sergt. Martin L. Bassett, Capt. George M. Dickerman, Sergt. J. F. Slater, R. Brown, E. A. Sawyer, Patrick Halpin, Joseph Packard, N. A. Balcom, Leonard Blood and Mr. Taylor; Company B, Lieut. C. C. Messer, Commissary Sergt. M. L. Gorring, Sergt. C. C. Capelle, A. B. Brown, George A. Adams, W. B. Clark, S. W. Griffiths, J. H. Balcom, Benjamin W. Parker, Stephen B. Wheeler, Randall M. Ewing and G. A. Litchfield; Company C, James L. Howard; Company D, Israel F. Barnes; Company E, Lieut. Silas P. Blodgett, Lieut. George A. Reed, Commissary Sergt. D. H. Hall, F. H. Stevens, Samuel R. Barrows, James Monroe, Lincoln E. Wheeler, Samuel Whitney, Addison B. Wheeler, C. P. Pickard and E. D. Lothrop; Company F, Andrew H. Dwinells, Thomas

D. Parrish; Company G, Capt. James Brady, Patrick Hogan and Humphrey Sullivan; Company H, D. A. Sullivan; Company I, Calvin W. Greenwood; Company K, Frank M. Balcom, S. C. Gould, William H. Ingraham and Oliver W. Balcom.

An Old Romance.

A real romance, a romance of years ago, was unlooked during the reunion. Any one of the old veterans present would suggest that Capt. James Brady, now collector of the port of Fall River, and in command of Company G, 26th regiment at the last battle of Winchester, could probably give as many sidelights on the history of the regiment as about the whole rank and file of the association put together. Capt. Brady is now 77 years of age, and his health isn't of the best. But he manages to attend every reunion. He was wounded in seven places at the battle of Winchester, receiving five gun shot wounds in his lower left leg, one in his right leg, and one through his left side. His lower left leg was amputated shortly after the battle, and for weeks he remained in the hospital.

Capt. Brady, and here begins a romance which searchers after themes for fiction might do well to look up, had captured a Confederate family named Burnside in Winchester only a short time before he led his company through a belt of woods and into the ranks of the 2nd and 12th Virginia regiments. There were two daughters in this family. After the brave captain was literally shot to pieces and was placed in the hospital a member of the Burnside household obtained permission to go through the hospital. She did go through and there met her captor, Capt. Brady. The young woman's name was Miss Josephine M. Burnside and now she is Mrs. James Brady, and her home is in Fall River. She was unable to attend the reunion. Her sister now lives in Maryland. "So you see," said Capt. Brady, "I really received eight wounds that day, but that one through the heart wasn't fatal. It got me a good wife for later years, when the struggle should be over."

Jones, Who Pays the Freight.

Gen. Edward F. Jones, who commanded the Sixth Massachusetts infantry and who was the first colonel of the 26th regiment, was one of the interesting figures at the reunion. Accompanying him were Mrs. John Anderson of Pepperell, the "daughter" of the Sixth regiment, and Mrs. Cora Sheridan, both daughters of General Jones. Gen. Jones was lieutenant governor of New York when David Bennett Hill was governor, and he is generally considered a strong Democrat. Friday, however, Mrs. Anderson announced to a reporter that her father would support Governor Charles E. Hughes for re-election, but that he would not support the rest of the Republican ticket. Gen. Jones now lives in Binghamton, N. Y., and he is widely known as "the man who pays the freight." He is blind. He attended the reunion of the Sixth Massachusetts infantry, held in this city, last spring.

After the business session dinner was served in the dining room connected with the post's quarters. A program of music and speechmaking was in order following the dinner. Those participating in it were: Infantry calls, first and second, given on phonograph records by Miss Rena Knapp; remarks, Rev. George F. Kennigott; solo, Mrs. Duncan; phonograph selections, "Just Before the Battle. Mother," and "Old Glory," Miss Knapp; remarks, Rev. N. T. Whittaker and James O'Sullivan; solo, Miss Rice, and remarks, Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, Gen. Edward F. Jones, and the officers of the regimental association.

The report from the hospital yesterday was to the effect that no internal injuries were suspected and that the patient has a good chance to recover.

Richard Foster, 75 years of age and a resident of Lawrence, went through the Civil war without a day's sickness and without a wound of any kind, but Saturday he attended the annual reunion of the 26th Mass. infantry in Wyman's Exchange and, while coming downstairs in the afternoon toppled over the banister only a short way from the top landing and fell a distance of nearly 30 feet, striking on his head and back. He was immediately taken to St. John's hospital, and it is believed that he will die.

Richard Foster has lived in Lowell street, Lawrence, for many years. Until a few months ago he had worked as a machinist in the Pacific mills. This morning, in company with H. A. Dwinells and daughter, Mr. Foster came to this city to attend the annual reunion. He had not attended one for several years, because he had been unable to leave his work, but today he expressed great pleasure at being able to come here. Mr. Dwinells and Mr. Foster had served together in Company F, 26th regiment, taking part in all of the important engagements during the Shenandoah valley campaign and up to the final battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864. Mr. Foster had been blessed with good health and had been one of the few Northern soldiers who had stood the campaigning without sickness. Good fortune had attended him also, for, although always with his company, he escaped the bullets or the rain of canister and shrapnel. He had been called "Lucky Dick" by many of his comrades.

But good luck broke Saturday—it was one of those strange ironies of fate, one of those happenings which is recorded and which mocks us as we try to divine why the scheme has been

worked out so. If Thomas Hardy, fatalist, predestinist, had written it out, 'twould have been ascribed to his "frame of mind" and not related to the real little ironies of life.

Mr. Foster had eaten his dinner in the dining hall of Post 185 quarters and had then started down stairs. Nobody saw him fall, although there were several about who ran to him immediately after he struck on the second floor. Mr. M. A. Tighe was one of these. Dr. Tighe said that he was conscious, although Mr. Foster was suffering from bad hemorrhages of the nose and mouth. Dr. Tighe believed that the man had sustained a basal fracture, and probably internal injuries. Mr. Foster had fallen with such force as to break a hole in the plastering of the second landing and to break the top of a stout box used by the janitor of the building. The ambulance was hurried to the place and Mr. Foster was taken to St. John's hospital. There an examination was made. Mr. Foster retained consciousness throughout it all. At the hospital it was said that he was in a serious condition. No fracture had been found, but he was badly bruised and possibly internally injured. He had a badly broken nose.

Mr. Foster has a wife and three daughters, all residents of Lawrence.



Lowell Sept. 18th 1909.

The 36 Annual Reunion of the 26th Mass
Asso. was held in the Hall of Sudd Whitney
Post G. A. R.

— " —
The meeting was called to order by
the president. Sergt Charles C. Cappelle
at 10³⁰ AM.

— " —
The Secretarys report read and approved

— " —
Treasurer D. H. Hall reported cash Balance
on hand \$6. report accepted

— ' —
The following comrades were reported
mustered out — since our last meeting
Albert L. Brown Co B. Nov. 1 1908. A. 68. years.
Marion H. Powers. " I Jan 29, 1909. " 67 "
Sunt Silas P. Blodgett " E Feb. 11 " " 73 "
" Chas. C. Messer " B. " 22 " " 66 "
Capt. James Brady " G. " 28 " " 77 "
Col John S. Cooke " B. Apr 9 " " 69 "
John M. Conroy " C. " 9 " " 63
Michael Nugent " D. Sept. 4 " "
Geo. W. Waterhouse " G. no date 1909.
Charles P. Hoar " G. " " 1909.
Harry Corey " B. " " 1909.
Andrew Garvey " G. " " 1909
Sunt H. W. Oliver " H. Oct. 2. "
Sergt Geo W. Frost. " H. 1909.
Total 14.

— Roll Call —

The following comrades were present

— Band —

Orlando F. Conine — John D. Blanchard
Abel F. Crocker

Co A.

Sent B. H. Richardson	Sergt Jos. F. Slater	
Martin S. Bassett.	Patrick Halpin	
Roseauin Brown	Leonard Blond	
Joseph Packard-		Total. 6

Co B.

Con Sergt. Myron F. Goring	John H. Balcom	
" B. C. Capelle	Henry E. Acorn	
Capt Geo. A. Adams.	A. B. Brown	
" Chas. E. Corey.	William Hunt	
" Stephen W. Wheeler.	Geo. A. Sarey.	
Saml. W. Griffiths	Noah Moulton	
Howard Gilson		13.

Co C.

Nat. E. Story		1.
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Co D.

Israel F. Barnes-		1.
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Co E.

Sergt. Chas W. Parkhurst.	Samuel R. Barmoughs-	
A. J. Fletcher	Janus H. Adams	
Janus W. Fiske	Emory D. Lathrop	
Cyrus P. Pickard	James Monroe	
Sergt Frank H. Stevens-	Sam Whitney	
Lincoln E. Wheeler	John Wayne	
Addison B. Wheeler		13

Co F.

A. H. Drenell		1.
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Co G.

Patrick Hogan.	Humphrey Sullivan	2.
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Co H.

Sent. E. S. Hay-	Walter M. Fulton	
Sergt John F. Alexander	Eugene A. Sullivan	
Daniel Worthey		4.

Co K.

Charles W. Dame-	Frank M. Balcom	
S. C. Gould-	Total - 46-	3.

A committee of eight comrades were appointed to nominate a board of officers for the ensuing year, they reported as follows-

For President	Samuel C. Boroughs.	Co E.
" 1 st Vice "	Walter M. Tullon	Co H.
" 2 nd " "	S. C. Gould	Co K.
" Treasurer.	D. H. Hall.	Co E.
" Secretary	J. H. Balcom	Co B.

Upon ballot the above comrades were elected —

Voted that the 34 annual reunion be held in Boston Saturday Sept. 17th 1910
the following were chosen a committee to arrange for the same
Humphrey D. Sullivan Nat E. Storey and J. H. Balcom.

Mrs. John Anderson Daughter of Col E. F. Jones reported the Col. to ill to attend the reunion.
giving us the
Letters were recd from Mr. James Brady widow of Capt. Brady. also a letter from Mrs. Mary E. Upham, saying that ~~Sent~~ James F. Upham was too ill to attend our reunion.

Adjourned.
John H. Balcom
Secretary-

Watich Sep-1909-

Dorwell, Sept. 17th 1910.

The 37th Annual Reunion of the 26th Mass. Assn. was held to day in Memorial Hall of Post. 42. C.A.R.

The meeting was called to order by Samuel R. Barrroughs at 10⁴⁵ AM.

The Secretary read of the last meeting and approved -

The following deaths were reported

Manager	Nathaniel E. Storey	Co. C.	1910
Supt.	James F. Upham	" A.	Aug 11 1910
Corp.	Wm. R. Ingraham	" K.	June 12 "
Private	L. P. Boston	" F.	Apr 23 "
"	Geo. A. Sancer	" B.	Sept. 7 "
"	Abel F. Crocker	Band	May 15 "
"	George Bentley	" E.	" "
"	Edward Meddowsmith	" "	" "
	"	8,	

The following Commodore were duly elected Officers for the Year as follows -

President - Walter M. Fuller
 1st Vice " Patrick Hogan
 2nd " " Calvin M. Greenwood
 Secretary John H. Watson
 Treasurer, Ed. H. Hall.

Treasurer D. H. Hall reported cash in his hands one dollar - a collection was taken leaving a balance of \$16.50 for future use - \$17.50

Committee on dinner and entertainment for 1911. Joseph F. Slater Martin Barrett and Frank Packard -

The following 200 rounds responded to Roll Call
or was absent during the service

Co. A

Supt Chas. W. Richardson

Sergeant Joseph F. Slater

George E. Bailey

Joseph Pachane.

M. W. Arnold.

Martin S. Wacett

Horace Brown

Patrick Harkin

Albino Baker - 8

Co. B.

Sergeant C. C. Capelle

Chas. E. Brown.

Stephen W. Wheeler

John H. Balcom.

A. B. Brown

Richard M. Crozier

Saml W. Gayles

Geo A. Smithfield

Noah I. Moulton 2.

Co. C.

Co. D.

Israel F. Barnes 1

Co. E.

Supt Geo. A. Reed.

Com Sergeant D. H. Wall.

Samuel R. Broughs.

A. J. Fletcher

James W. Ficker

E. D. Sathrop

James Monroe

Cyrus Rickard

Sincere E. Wheeler

John Wayne

Addison B. Wheeler 11

Co. F.

A. H. Devinell's

Amos S. Poole 2

Co. G.

Patrick Hagan 1

Co. H.

Supt John F. Alexander

Walter M. Fulton

Eugene A. Sullivan 3

Co. I.

Calvin W. Greenwood 1

Co. K.

Frank M. Balcom

Oliver W. Balcom 2

Total 39.

Dinner was served by
the Ladies of W. R. C. #75
which was very fortunate
None and of excellent quality

The Rev. N. D. Whiticker

Rev. A. Reed, D. H. Hall

Supt Richardson Walter M.

Fulton and others,

gave short speeches to

the Old Boys which was

closely listened to meeting

with hearty applause -

Admission to meet again

for our 50 Anniversary -

Sept. 19 - 1910

L. H. Balcom Secretary

Somerville, Mass. Sept. 19th 1911.

The 38th annual reunion and the 50th Anniversary of the 26th Mass. Regiment was held to day in Highland Hall,

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 Am. by President Walter M. Fulton.

The annual report of the Secretary was presented and accepted.

The following Deaths were reported

Sgt	Chas M. Smail	Die 29th 1911.	Salem, M.H.
Adjt	Stephen B. Smith	July 28th 1911	N.Y. City
Private	Benjamin W. Parker.	1910	Boston
"	Albert H. Rhodes.	Die 18. 1909,	Chelsea.
"	Asah J. Moulton	Mar 5th 1911	Groton
"	Marcus W. Wood	Apr 5th 1911	Hopkinton
"	Justus B. Wilson	May 18th 1911	Somerville.
"	Israel F. Barnes.	1911	Everett
"	George E. Bailey	1911	Plymouth N.H.
"	William E. Cole	Jan 12. 1911	Lockport,

— Roll Call —

Co A.	Chas. H. Richardson	John H. Babson
	Joseph. F. Slater	A. B. Brown
	Joseph Packard.	William Hunt
	Martin S. Bassett	Geo. A. Stebbins
	Rosearius Brown	Henry F. White
	Patrick Walpui	8
	Fredk. E. Sprague	Co C none
		" "
Co B.	Myron F. Young.	Co D. none.
	G. C. Capelle	
	George A. Adams.	

Co E	Geo. A. Reed. DeWitt H. Hall. Samuel C. Harrington. A. J. Fletcher James W. Fiske. James Munroe. Lyons P. Pickard. Frank Stevens Eugene Wheeler Addison B. Winter James H. Adams. - 11. "	Co F	Thomas G. Parish Andrew H. Diminells Charles Perkins Total 3
		Co G	Thompson D. Sullivan Patrick T. Hogan 2.
		Co H	John F. Alexander Edward S. Hay Walter W. Fulton Eugene A. Sullivan 4.
Co I	Calvin W. Greenwood.	Co K	Frank M. Balcom Oliver W. Balcom
Grand Total		38.	2.

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The following Commodities were duly elected
Officers of the Assoc for the coming year

George A. Adams.	Co B.	President.
Thompson D. Sullivan	" E.	1 st Vice "
George A. Reed	" E.	2 nd " "
John H. Balcom	" B.	Secretary
DeWitt H. Hall	" E.	Treasurer.
"	"	

Committee of arrangements for the Year 1912.
Joseph L. D. Staker Joseph P. Packard Madison S. Bassett
"

Sent George A. Reed made some remarks
also read some letters concerning the
death of Color Sergeant John Brown who
died of wounds received at the Battle
of Winchester 47 years ago today.

President Fulton announced a trip to the
Seaside to have a group picture made
for the Social Union, Citizen and.

50th Anniversary

Lowell, Sept. 19th 1911.
 Boston Daily Globe. a copy of which
 enclose with this report.

Letters were read from Alice C. Kesley
 of Jefferson City Mo. & Mrs. James Brady
 of Louisville Ind. and from Mrs. Stephen
 B. Smith of St. Louis City.

Also a letter from
 Genl H. S. Eckabooks, enclosing a letter
 from Washington D.C. inquiring for news
 of William C. Roundy of Co. H. who died
 in 1881. Genl Edward A. Hall thought he
 could furnish the desired information so
 the letters was placed in his hands for
 reply.

Adjourned to Sept. 19th 1912.

J. H. Palmer

Secretary
 Lowell Mass. Sept 19th 1912.

The Thirty ninth Annual reunion
 of the 26th Regt. Association was
 held in the quarters of Saddle & Whitney
 Post. #185 G.A.R. to day.

The meeting was called to attention
 by President George A. Adams at
 10.30 A.M.

The annual report of the Secretary
 was presented and accepted.

Treasurer Delitte H. Hall reported
 Cash on Hand to date \$10.25, his
 report was accepted.

A letter was read from Col. E. F. Jones expressing disappointment at being unable to meet the the Boys of his former command he being 84 years of age, his physician advised him to remain at home — it was voted that we all send him a postal giving our names, address and date of birth as he requests.

Mrs. James Brady Wife of Capt Brady of Suthercliffe Md. also sent her regrets. with a small contribution to the treasury, also a poem entitled "The Camp is in sight" which was read by the secretary.

Mrs. Alice C. Risley was elected an honorary member of the association. She was in Louisiana during our stay in New Orleans. being of the North and a loyal friend of West Townsend. She and her Mother made our camp frequent visits which we fondly remember, in grateful remembrance of these favors we now extend to her the glad hand of fellowship.

Mustered out during the War —

Co F	Sergt. James R. Fulton.	Feb 1 st 1912.	A.E. 82. years.
Co. D.	Sergt Hiram W. Gordon	May 11. 1912	at Lynn
" A.	Franklin T. Wilson	A.E. 70. 1 st May 1912.	At Chelsea.
" K.	Marcus M. Stebbins	Oct 18 1911.	Erving
" A	Horace. A. Balcom	Dec 2 nd 1911	Webster
" E	Luke. J. Robbins	1912	Acton

Roll Call —

Co A.	Joseph Packard	Roscarious Brown
	Martin E. Bassett	Patrick Halpin
	W. W. Arnold	

Co B.	Myron S. Going C. C. Capelle George A. Adams Henry E. Acorn George A. Sitchfield A. B. Brown	Charles E. Corey Stephen W. Wheeler John H. Balcom William Hunt James J. O'Brien
Co C	George A. Reed.	Co D. none
none	Delitte H. Hall	Samuel R. Borroughs
Co E.	A. I. Fletcher James Monroe. Frank H. Stevens Ernest Wheeler. Addison B. Wheeler. James W. Fiske	George B. Cram Emory D. Lathrop Cyrus P. Pickard Samuel S. Tule Lincoln E. Wheeler John Wayne
Co F.	Andrew H. Dmells.	Amos S. Poole
Co G.	Humphrey D. Sullivan	Pat F. Hogan.
Co H.	Eduard S. Hay. Eduard A. Sullivan	John F. Alexander.
Co I.	none	
Co K.	Frank M. Balcom	Oliver W. Balcom

Total Comrades Present 40.

The following Comrades were duly elected officers for the ensuing year.

President.	Humphrey D. Sullivan	Co. G.
1st Vice	Myron S. Going.	" B.
2nd "	William Hunt	" D.
Secy.	John H. Balcom	" B.
Treasurer	Delitte H. Hall	" E.

Rosearius Brown Joseph Packard
and Patrick Halpin men chosen
Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

After a spirited debate it was voted
to hold our next reunion in Lowell
September 19th 1913.

Adjourned for Dinner at 1 P.M.

John H. Balcom
Secretary

Lowell Mass. Sept 19th 1913.

The Fortieth annual reunion of the 26th Regiment Association was held in the quarters of the Ladd and Whitney Post No 185. G. A. R.

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 O'clock. by Past President Walter M Fulton. who in the absence of President Sullivan acted as President Pro. Tem.

The annual report of the Secretary was read and approved.

The treasurers report showed a balance of \$9.55 in the treasury. Report accepted.

The Sec. read a communication from Mrs James Brady regretting that she was unable to be present. and enclosing a contribution for the treasury. also a short Poem. Entitled Waiting for the Barge. which was read by the Secretary. Voted to extend a vote of thanks for the same.

A communication was received from Mrs. Alice Risley expressing regret that she was unable to be present. and extending her best wishes to all the comrades of the old 26th Regt.

Postal cards were read from many comrades stating that for various reasons they were unable to be present.

The following deaths during the year were reported.

William Crombie Member of the Band. 1912
 Col Edward F Jones. Aug 14th 1913. Binghamton. N. Y.
 Co. A. Chas H Richardson Feb 24th 1913 Lowell Mass.

- Co B. John H. Balcom July 11th 1913. Natick
 B. E. T. Peterson. July 11th 1913. Somerville
 C. Daniel G. Taylor. Nov 1911.
 H. John F. Alexander Nov 6th 1912. Lowell.
 I. Daniel E. Worthley Mar 24th 1913 Lowell.
 F. Andrew J. Quirkells. Nov 9th 1913. Waltham.
 Charles H. Emerson Oct 23rd 1910. Springfield.

The following Comrades answered the Roll Call.

- Co A. Joseph F. Slater 1
 B. A B Brown.
 " Henry White.
 " Myron F. Going.
 " Geo. F. Adams.
 " Chas. E. Corey.
 " Stephen W. Wheeler.
 " Howard Gilson
 " William Hunt
 " Geo A. Littlefield
 " James J. O'Brien 10.
 C. Geo A. Reed.
 " D. H. Hall.
 " Samuel R. Barroughs.
 " James W. Fisk
 " James Munroe.
 " Cyrus D. Pickard
 " F. H. Stevens.
 " Lincoln E. Wheeler
 " Addison B. Wheeler.
 " Aaron G. Fletcher. 10.
 F. Charles H. Giles 1
 G. Patrick F. Hogan. 1
 H. Walter F. Fulton. 1
 K. Oliver W. Balcom
 " Frank W. Balcom. 1

Total 26.

Voted to proceed to the Election of officers for the ensuing year and that the Chair appoint a Committee consisting of one from each of the Co's present to retire and bring in a list of Officers

The Committee reported the following names.

President Patrick F. Hogan.

Vice Pres. Cyrus D. Pickard

Sec. F. H. Stevens.

Treas D. H. Hall.

These comrades were Elected by ballot to fill the respective offices.

After a spirited discussion it was voted to hold the next reunion in the City of Lawrence. Sept 19th 1914 and Pres. Elect. Hogan was made a Committee of one to make all necessary arrangements. Voted to extend a note of thanks to Post 185 for use of Hall. The comrades then adjourned to the dining room and after ample justice had been done to a fine dinner the meeting was dissolved to meet in Lawrence Sept 19th 1914.

F. H. Stevens -
Secretary.

Laurence Mass Sept 19th 1914

The forty first annual reunion of the 26th Regiment Association was held today at Hotel Essex. in the City of Laurence.

The buisness meeting was called to order at 11. 30. by President P. F. Hogan.

The secretaries report of the last meeting was read and Approved.

The report of the Treas showing a balance of \$ 5.95 in the treasury was read and accepted.

Postal cards from 30 comrades who were unable to be present. but sent thier best wishes to those who were.

Communications were also read from Mrs Alice C Risley of Jefferson City Mo. Mrs Elizabeth Anderson of Binghamton New York. and Mrs Captain Brady of Baltimore who also contributed a selection Entitled "The Old Soldier" which was received with much Enthusiasm by the comrades who gave her a vote of thanks for the same.

The following deaths were reported.

- Co. A. Edward E Sawyer.
- " " Corp Joseph Puckard. May 22. 1914
- " B Peter Bussey 1914.
- " F ^{Leut} Geo. E. Youngton. 1909
- " " Charles Huckins Dec 10 1913.
- " H. Capt BW Frost. July 1914
- " F R S Foster 1914.
- " K Lie Baron B Willard Sept 13th 1911.
- " J Patrick Higgins 1914

The roll call. showed the following comrades present.

Co. A.

Martin L. Basset.
Boscawns. Brown.
Patrick Halpin
Leonard Blood.

4

Co. B.

A B Brown.
W^m Hunt.
Geo A Littlefield
Charles E. Corey.

4

Co. C.

Freeman Holmes.
James L. Howard.

2.

Co. D.

E J & Shuckins

1

Co. E.

Geo A Reed.
D H Hall.
Geo W. Lamm
James W. Fisk
James Monroe.
Cyrus G. Parkard.
F. H. Stevens
Warren Toole
John Wayne.
A. G. Fletcher
Abelison B. Wheeler.
Lincoln E. Wheeler.
J. H. Adams.

13.

Co. F.

Amos^s Jones.
Charles H. Giles.
Amos L. Poole.

3

Co. G.

George England
Humphrey D. Sullivan.
P H Hogan

3.

Co. H.

Edward S. Hay
Eugene A. Sullivan.

2

Co. I

Calvin W. Greenwood.

Co. K.

Olinus W. Balcom
S B Gould
F H Balcom.

3

Total 36

Voted to extend a note of thanks to Pres Hogan and the citizens of Lawrence for the generous dinner provided without cost to the comrades - And for all courtesies tendered the association

Voted to proceed to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. The Election resulted in the choice of the following Officers Pres. P. F. Hogan.
1st Vice Pres. C. P. Pickard 2^d Vice Pres Amos Jones Sec. F. H. Stevens. Treas. D. H. Hall.

It was unanimously Voted to hold the next reunion at Lawrence. Sept. 19th 1915.

Pres Hogan and 2^d Vice Pres Jones were made a committee to make all necessary arrangements.

At the close of the business meeting the comrades with their invited guests repaired to the banquet hall. and partook of an excellent dinner provided by the proprietor of the Essex House. which ^{was} paid for by by Comrade Hogan and Citizens of Lawrence without Expense to the comrades.

The after dinner Exercises consisted of an address of welcome by ^{his} honor the Mayor of Lawrence in which he gave the Boys the freedom of the City and assured them that no matter what they done, they would not be molested by the police. He was followed ^{in a} the Rev Father W. E. Donald ^{in a} string patriotic speech. A song by W. E. Corbitt, who responded to an encore. Gust Geo A Reed and Treas D. H. Hall. made some appropriate remarks.

After which Pres Hogan declared the meeting dissolved to meet in Lawrence ~~Sept 19th~~ ^{Sept 19th} 1915.

F. H. Stevens

Sec.

Lawrence Sept 18th 1915.

The 42^d Annual reunion of the 26th Regiment Association was held today in the City of Lawrence. at the Essex House.

The meeting was called to order by the President B. F. Hogan. at Eleven O'clock A. M.

Secretaries report. was read and Approved.

Treasurers report. showing a balance of \$2.40 in the treasury was. read and accepted

At the Roll Call. the following named Comrades. answered to their names.

Co A Sergt Joseph A Slater
2 Frank S Berry.
3 3 Leonard Blood.

Co B. Benjamin Ford.
5 A. B. Brown..
William Hunt.
Henry White.
Charles E. Corey.

Co. C. Freeman Holmes.
2 James L Howard.

Co D. E. J. D. Huckins.
1

Co E. Supt Geo A. Reed.
9 L. H. Hall
H. H. Steuens.
George B. Gram.
James H. Adams.

- Co E. James Munroe.
Lincoln E. Wheeler.
9 Addison B. Wheeler.
John Wayne.
- Co F.
2 Amos S. Jones.
Charles H. Giles.
- Co G. P. F. Horgan.
1
Hb. 1 Walter N. Fulton.
- Co I. Calvin W. Greenwood.
- Co K.
3 Oliver W. Balcom.
Frank M. Balcom.
S. C. Gould.

Total 28.

Deaths reported during the year 8.

- Co A Roscums Brown.
Co B Capt Edward Carfy.
Myron F. Going.
Co C. C. L. Woodward.
Co E. Emmett Wheeler.
Co F. Howard R. Foster.
Co H Eugene A. Sullivan.
Co K Frederic Coston.

The Election of Officers resulted in the choice
of P. F. Horgan. for President.
Amos S. Jones 1st Vice President.
Calvin W. Greenwood 2nd Vice President.
F. H. Stevens. Secretary.
L. H. Hall. Treasurer.

It was voted to hold the next reunion at Boston Sept 19th 1916. And that Comrade Frank M. Balcolm be a committee of one to make all necessary arrangements.

At 12.30 an excellent dinner was served in the dining room of the hotel to which ample justice was done by the Comrades present. After which they listened to words of welcome from Mayor Kane of Lawrence. followed by short addresses by the Rev. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Pennock.

Adjourned to meet in Boston
Sept 19th 1916.

F. H. Stevens
Secretary

Boston Sept. 19th 1916.

Report of the 43rd Annual Reunion of the
26th Mass. Regt Association held at the Quincy
House Boston Sept 19th 1916.

The meeting for Business was held in one of the
rooms of the Hotel and was called to order at 11 O'clock
by the President P. F. Hogan.

Secretaries report read and accepted.

Treasurers report showing a balance of \$2.40 on
hand read and accepted.

Comrade F. W. Balcom reported that as a Committee
of arrangements he had made the necessary
provision for the Entertainment and comfort of
the Comrades.

Voted to accept the report and give him a vote
of thanks.

Communications were read from Mrs Alice Risley
and Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson.

Secretary reported that he had notified 80 Comrades
by return postal cards. Had heard from 56. - 35
had signified their intention to be present and
21 for various reasons could not come. 24 not
heard from. and that the following deaths had
been reported during the year.

Seargt. Joseph A. Slater. Co. A. April 30th 1916.

Geo W. Graves. Co. D. Dec 26th 1916

Warren Teck. Co. E. Jan. 5th 1916

Charles Torcheon Co. C. July. 27th 1916

Joseph Hunt. in 1914.

The Roll call. showed the following named
Comrades present.

Co. A. Martin L. Bassett.

William A Johnson

Alphonso Oaks.

Seanord Blood.

Patrick Halpin - 5

Co. B.

Benjamin Ford.

Stephen W. Wheeler.

Henry C. Achorn.

A. B. Brown.

William Hunt.

George A. ~~Litchfield~~ Litchfield

J. J. O'Brien

George A. Adams. 8

Rev. C.

Co. C.

Freeman Holmes.

James L. Howard. 2.

Co. D.

A. D. Chickering. 1

Co. E.

Lieut. George A. Reed.

Com. Sgt. L. H. Hall.

Samuel R. Burroughs

George W. Gram.

James H. Adams.

James Munroe.

C. P. Rickard.

F. H. Stevens.

John Wayne

Addison B. Wheeler.

Lincoln E. Wheeler. 11

Co. F.

Amos G. Jones.

Amos L. Poole. 2

Co. G.

Humphrey. D. Sullivan.

P. F. Hogan. 2.

Co. H.

Edward. S. Hay.

Walter M. Fulton 2.

Co. I

Calvin W. Greenwood 11

Co. K.

Oliver W. Balcom.

S. C. Gould.

F. W. Balcom.

Charles W. Dame. 4

Whole number present 38.

Voted that the chair appoint a Committee of one from each Co. to retire and bring in a list of Officers for the ensuing year. and to select a place. to hold the next reunion

The following named Comrades were appointed
Co. A Martin L. Bassett Co. B. George A. Adams.
Co. C James. L. Howard. Co. D. A. L. Chickerling
Co. E Lincoln. E. Wheeler. Co. F Amos L. Poole
Co. G Humphrey D. Sullivan Co. H. Walter M. Fulton
Co. I Calvin W. Greenwood. Co. K. Chas W. Dame.

The Committee reported a list of names for officers and recommended Boston as the place for the next meeting.

The Election resulted in the choice of the following officers

Pres. A. H. Hall 1st Vice Pres. Benjamin Ford.
2^d Vice Pres. James H. Adams. Sec. F. H. Stevens
Treas. Edward Hay.

It was voted to accept the Committee's recommendation and hold the next reunion in Boston Sept 19th 1917 And Comrade F. W. Balcom was made a committee of one to make all necessary arrangements.

Treas Hall reported a shortage in the funds to meet expenses and a collection amounting to \$8.40 was taken up.

Immediately after the Business meeting the Comrades repaired to the dining room of the hotel and enjoyed an excellent dinner provided by the hotel management.

Dinner disposed of President Hogan requested all Comrades to return to the business room - where an hour was spent listening to short speeches by invited guests and Comrades of the 26th. Among those who spoke were Major Loggins and Comrade Frank Smith of the 4th Mass Batt. Supt Geo A Reed President Hogan - President Elect D H Hall and Comrades Jones Martin Conway and F. W. Balcom.

It was voted to give Comrade Balcom a vote of thanks for the very satisfactory ^{arrangements} made by him.

Then some one started the song "It's a long way to Tipperary" and Pres Hogan adjourned the meeting to meet again in Boston Sept 19th 1917.

Respectfully submitted

F. H. Stevens
Sec.

Boston Sept 19th 1917=

The 44th Annual Reunion of 26th Mass. Regt Association was held today, at the Quincy House Boston.

Business meeting was called to order by President Hall at Eleven O'clock A.M.

Secretarys report of last meeting read and approved. In the absence of the Treasurer Comrade Calvin Greenwood. was appointed treasurer Pro Tem. and read the treasurers report which showed a balance on hand of \$7.88. the report was accepted.

Comrade F. M. Baleom. Committee of arrangements for the Entertainment of the Association, ^{reported they} were the same as last year. report accepted.

Communications were read from Miss Vannie Litchfield - Mrs Elizabeth Anderson. and Mrs James Brady. Comrade W. B. Clark and others.

Deaths reported during the year were
Co B. Ser A. Litchfield and A. B. Brown.

" Co E & D Hutchins Co. H. Walter N. Fulton
Co D T. A. Barker.

The following named Comrades.
answered to the Roll Call.

Co A. 4 W. W. Arnold Martin L. Bassett Charles E. Taylor
Leonard Blood.

Co B 6 Benj Ford Stephen W. Wheeler Henry C
Achum. William Hunt. J. J. O'Brien
Charles E. Corey.

Co C. 2 James L. Howard E. A. Newton.
Co D. 1 A. D. Chickering

Co E. 11 Lieut George A. Reed.
D. H. Hall.
Samuel R. Burroughs.
George W. Cham.
James H. Adams.
Emory D. Lathrop.
C. P. Pickard
F. H. Stevens.
John Wayne.
A. J. Fletcher.
Lincoln E. Wheeler.

Co F. 1 Amos. G. Jones.

Co G. 2 Patrick Hogan.
Humphrey D. Sullivan.

Co H. 1 John. Brooks.

Co I. 1 Calvin W. Greenwood.

Co K. 4 Oliver W. Balcom.
S. B. Gould.
F. W. Balcom.
Charles W. Dame 33

Deaths reported. 1917.

Co B. George A. Litchfield - A B Brown.
Co D. C. J. D. Hucksins
Co H. Walter M. Fulton.
Co I. T. A. Barber. 6

Voted That the Pres. appoint a committee of one from each Co. to nominate officers for the ensuing year and select a place for the next Meeting

The Pres. appointed the following Committee
 F. W. Balcom Co. K. K. Churnum. W. L. Bassett Co. G.
 William Hunt Co. B. James L. Howard Co. C.
 A. D. Chuckerling Co. D. S. R. Burnoughs Co. E.
 Amos Jones. Co. F. P. F. Hogan Co. G. John Brooks Co. H.
 Calvin W. Greenwood Co. I.

The Committee reported the following list of Officers - And recommended West Acton Sept 19-1918 as the place and ^{time} of the next meeting

For Officers Pres L. H. Hall. 1 Vice Pres Benjamin Ford. 2 Vice James H. Adams.
 Sec. F. H. Stevens. Treas Calvin W. Greenwood.

Voted To accept and adopt the Committee's report.

Voted That the Sec cast one ballot for the officers as nominated. and they were declared elected.

Voted To hold the next reunion at West Acton Mass Sept 19, 1918.

Voted That President Hall. be a committee to make all necessary arrangements.

Dinner was served in the dining room of the Hotel at 12-30. O'clock and was very satisfactory in every way. 53 dinner tickets were sold.

After the dinner was disposed of the Comrades reassembled in the business room and Pres. Hall gave a very interesting account of the battle of Winkchester Sept 19. 1864.

Mr Eugene Hall. Sung "The Vacant Chair" in memory of the Comrades who had passed away during the past year.

The matter of printing a Roster of the members of the Association was discussed. Comrade Chickering offered to print it without Expense to the Association

Voted That the Association accept the offer and that the Sec. prepare a roster of the Association and its Honorary Members. and send by mail a copy to each of the members.

Lieut G. A Reed made some brief remarks after which Mr Eugene Hall sang "Bentling on the Old Camp Ground."

Mr Edgar Hall. gave the boys. an interesting and patriotic Address.

A number of the Comrades. give some interesting reminiscences of the war. Among those who spoke were Past Pres Hogan. Comrades Jones Greenwood Stearns Ford and Chickering.

On Motion of the Sec. it was voted that whenever a Comrade of the Association dies leaving a widow she shall be placed on the rolls as an Honorary Member. and receive the same notices of meetings as other members

The meeting was adjourned to meet in West Acton Sept 19- 1918.

Respectfully submitted F. H. Stearns
Sec.

West Acton Sept 19th 1978

The 45th Annual reunion of the 24th Mass. Regiment Association was held today in Grand Army Hall. West Acton.

The comrades were called to order at 11.30 O'clock by Pres. Hall.

Sec'y report of last meeting read and approved.

The Treasurers report showed a small deficit. On Motion of Comrade Ballou it was voted to take up a collection to reimburse the treasury. The collection amounted to \$15.62

The Treasurers report then showed a Bal. of \$15.15[#] on hand after all bills were paid

Deaths reported during the year.
Jesse C Osgood and Charles E Taylor Co. A.
George B Duren. Howard. Gibson and
George A Adams. Co B.

The following names ^{Comrades} responded to
The Roll. Call.

Co A.1	Leonard Blood
" B3	Benj Ford Stephen W. Wheeler. Charles E Corey
" C.2	Freeman. Helms. E. A. Newton
" D 1	A. D. Churking.
" E 40	Lieut George A Reed. S. H. Hall. Samuel R Bunsoughs George W. Gram. James Mumore. F. H. Stevens John Wayne. G. J. Fletcher Samuel F. Teck. Lincoln E Wheeler.
" F 2	Thomas Parrish. Amos L Poole.
" G 2	P. F. Hogan. Humphrey L. Sullivan.
" H. none	
" I. 1	Calvin W Greenwood.
" K 3	Olin W Balcom. S. C. Gould. F. M. Balcom.
Total	24
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Voted To Extend to Comrade Chickering a note of thanks for printing Rosters.

Voted. To proceed to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. And that the Pres appoint a Committee consisting of one from each of the Co's present. to return and nominate a list of officers. and select a place for the next reunion. The Pres appointed the following Comrades.

Co A Leonard Blood Co B Charles E Corey
 Co C. Freeman Holmes Co D. A D Chickering
 Co E George A Reed Co F P. F Hogan.
 Co G Ambros Poole Co H Calvin W Greenwood.
 Co K F. W. Balcom.

The Committee nominated the following list of officers and recommended Boston for the next reunion.

Pres Benjamin Ford Vice Pres. S R Bunnough
 2 Vice Pres E. A. Newton Sec. F. H. Stevens.
 Treas L. H. Hall.

Voted To accept ~~and~~ the Committees report. and that the Sec. cast one ballot for the officers nominated. and they were declared Elected.

Voted That Comrade F. W. Balcom be a Com. of one to make all necessary arrangements for the next reunion in Boston Sep 19th 1918

Voted To Extend a note of thanks to Post 138. for the use of their Hall. and to Pres. Hall and W. R. B #62 for their Entertainment

At 12.45 an excellent dinner was served in the Vestry of the Baptist Church by the W. R. B. #62. to which full justice was done by the Comrades and their invited guests.

After dinner the Comrades reassembled in Grand Army Hall. where a very interesting programme under the direction of Pres Hall. was presented. The exercises consisted of a short history of the association by Pres Hall. Singing by Mrs Lizzie Forbush. of "John Browns Body" "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" and other old Army songs. The audience joining in the chorus.

The orators of the day were the Rev Luther G. Morris. and Rev Charles C. Pierce who held the close attention of their audience by their outspoken condemnation of Germany's methods. of carrying on the war. and ignoring all principles of humanity and justice. Gen Albert Wheeler was introduced as. an old West Point graduate and gave an interesting talk on the old service. Mr Curran of Acton made some interesting remarks. Miss Helen Reed recited Shervens Ride. Many of the Comrades responded to their names. by reciting some phasing incidents of their old Army experiences. The whole reunion was Exceptionally a pleasant and Enjoyable one and was closed by singing the "Star Spangled Banner" as the boys separated to return to their several homes. they expressed the wish that we might meet with unbroken ranks in Boston Sept 19th 1919.

Respectfully submitted

F. H. Stevens
Secy

Boston Quincy House Sept. 19th 1919

The 4th Annual Reunion of the 26th Mass. Regt. Association was held here today

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 o'clock by President Ford.

Sec's report read and approved.
Treas report. showing a balance of \$15.15 was read and accepted.

The following named Comrades answered "Here" to the Roll call.

Co A.	Martin L. Bussett.	Co I	Calvin W. Greenman
2.	Leonard Blood.	" K.	O. W. Balcom.
" B.	Benj Ford.	3	F. M. Balcom.
" "	Henry L. Achorn.		Chas W. Darn.
" "	William Hunt.		Total 25.
" "	Henry F. White		
" 5-	Stephen W. Wheeler.		Deaths reported 1919.
Co C.	Freeman Holmes		
" 2	E. A. Newton	Addison B. Wheeler	Co. E.
" S1	A. S. Chickering	James J. O'Brien	Co. B.
" E 4.	Lieut Geo. A. Reed	Fred Sprague	Co. A.
	H. W. Hall	Samuel C. Gould	Co. K.
	James H. Adams.		
	C. P. Dickard		
	F. H. Stevens		
	John. Wayne.		
Co F.	Amos G. Jones.		
2	Amos L. Poole		
" G. 2	P. F. Hogan.		
	Humphreys Sullivan		
S1	John Brooks.		

After this report was read Pres Ford asked the comrades to rise and remain standing a few moments, in memory of these comrades who have answered the "Roll Call" on the other side.

A communication was read from Mrs Capt James Brady. Expressing regret that she was unable to meet with the boys. As she did the "Long Ago" and enclosing a dollar which she wished used to pay for a dinner for a real Old Comrade. A real Old Comrade Henry W. Achorn. 85 years old - and the oldest comrade present. was given the dollar which he subsequently donated to the Treasury of the Association.

Comrade F W Balcom Committee of arrangements for the meetings reported. and was given a note of thanks for his very satisfactory work.

Voted to proceed to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. and that the Pres. appoint a committee of one from each company present to retire and nominate a list of officers and select a place for the next meeting. The President appointed the following comrades.

A	Edward Bruce	H. John Brooks
B	Stephen Wheeler	J. G. W. Greenwood
C	Freeman Holmes	K. O W Balcom.
D	A. L. Thickett	
E	J. W. Adams	
F	Amos G. Ganes	
G	W. F. Hogan	

The Committee reported the following list of officers'

Pres. Benj. Ford / Vice Pres. C. W. Balcum
Sec. F. H. Stevens Treas. A. H. Hall.

Com. recommended The Quincy House Boston as the place for the next meeting with Comrade C. W. Balcum. as a committee of one. to make all necessary arrangements.

And To. accept and adopt the Committees recommendations and that the Sec. cast one ballot for the comrades nominated and they were declared elected

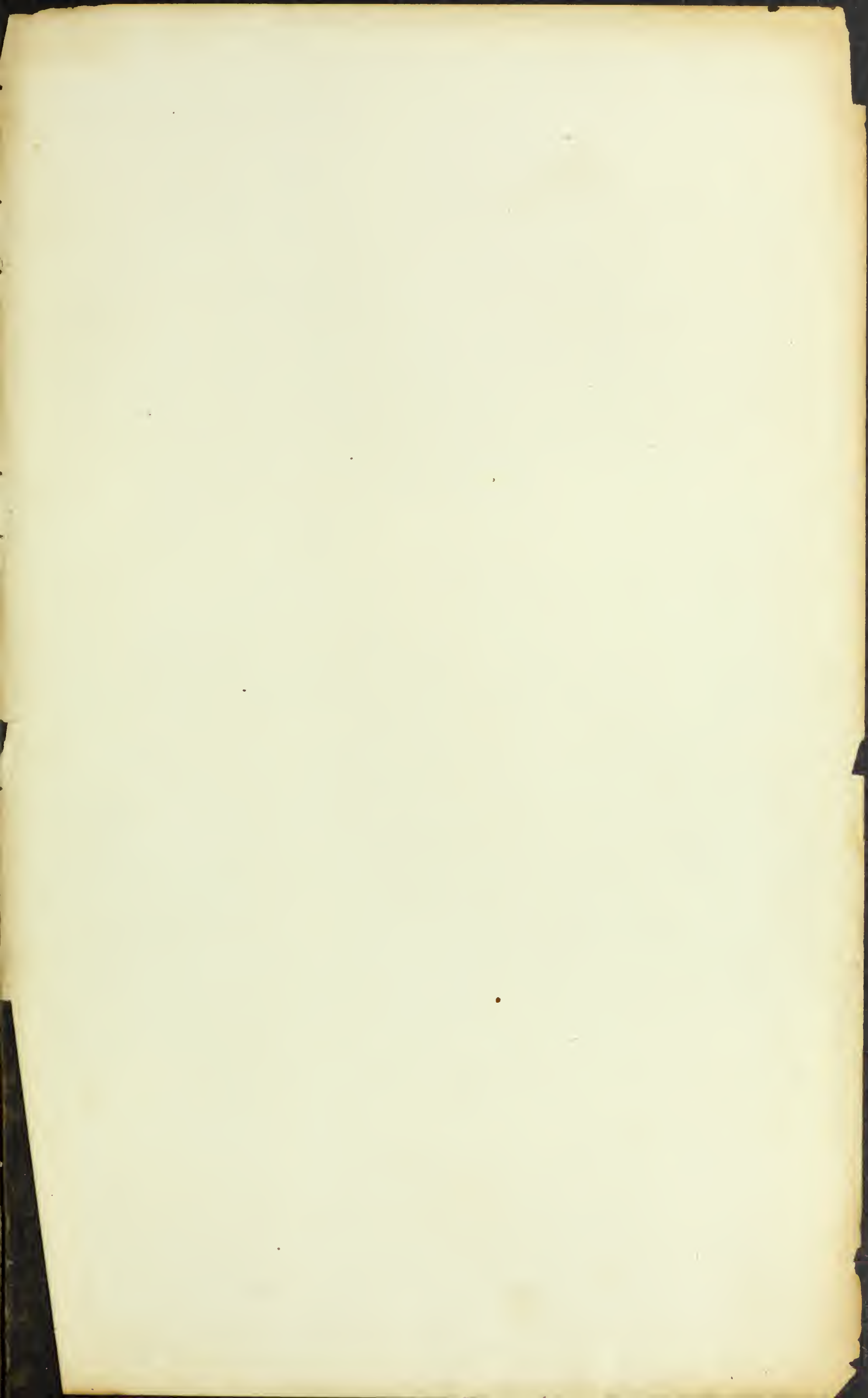
It was voted that the Sec. be authorized to procure new record books whenever ^{he} thinks necessary.

Comrade Jones of the 6th Mass Regt. told some of his old Army Experiences

The time for dinner having arrived the Comrades with their invited guests numbering 42. in all. repaired to the dining room where a fine 6 course dinner awaited them to which due justice was done. Dinner over the remaining time was occupied by the Comrades in talking over events of their old Army life until they were obliged to separate and return to their several homes Each promising to be present at our old associations Sept. 19th 1920

F. H. Stevens

Secretary



RECENT DEATHS.

Edwin F. Cushing.

Edwin F. Cushing, past commander of Willard C. Kinsley post, and a former councilman, died Saturday morning of heart disease at his home, 9 Harvard place. Mr. Cushing had been in poor health for several months, but attended to his work at the Charlestown navy yard up to a few weeks ago. Mr. Cushing leaves a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth E., and a daughter, Mrs. Webster G. Hayward, of 28 Harvard street.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock, from his late home. Many beautiful floral tributes were received from old Grand Army comrades, from organizations and friends. The casket was draped with flags, one large flag being presented by George W. Brooks, of Roxbury, an old friend of the deceased, and a mem-



EDWIN F. CUSHING.

ber of E. W. Kinsley post, 113, G. A. R., Boston. Flags were also presented by Willard C. Kinsley post, and by the Sons and Daughters of Veterans. Rev. N. K. Bishop, rector of Emmanuel church, read the Episcopal service, and music was provided by boys from the Emmanuel church choir, under the leadership of Easton S. Bacon, choir master. The body was placed in the receiving tomb of the Lowell cemetery, and will be buried in the family lot in that cemetery.

Edwin F. Cushing was born in Dover, N. H., May 29, 1848, but during his early life lived in Lowell, from which city he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-sixth Massachusetts volunteers, September 3, 1861. He was barely thirteen years old when he enlisted, and was one of the youngest volunteers who went out with the armies of the Union. He was present at the battles at the forts below New Orleans; he was then transferred to City Point, Va., and was in Washington when the Confederate General Early was threatening the capitol in July, 1864. Cushing was afterward in the Shenandoah valley participating with Sheridan in his famous battles. After the battle of Cedar Creek, popularly known as the battle of Winchester, he was detailed for the winter as orderly for General Hancock. He and his comrades were not mustered out till September 23, 1865, so that his term of service lasted four years and twenty days.

During all these four years young Cushing was never in the hospital, and was never wounded.

After the war, Mr. Cushing was for twelve years superintendent of manufacturing at the South Boston house of correction; later for four years at the New Jersey state prison, at Trenton, N. J., and then for four years in charge of contract work at the Charlestown state prison. Of late years he had been employed at the Charlestown navy yard.

In 1897, Mr. Cushing was elected commander of the Kinsley post, and in 1898 was sent to the city hall as councilman from old ward 4. He was an old resident of Somerville, residing for several years on Central street, near Highland avenue, before moving to Harvard place.

